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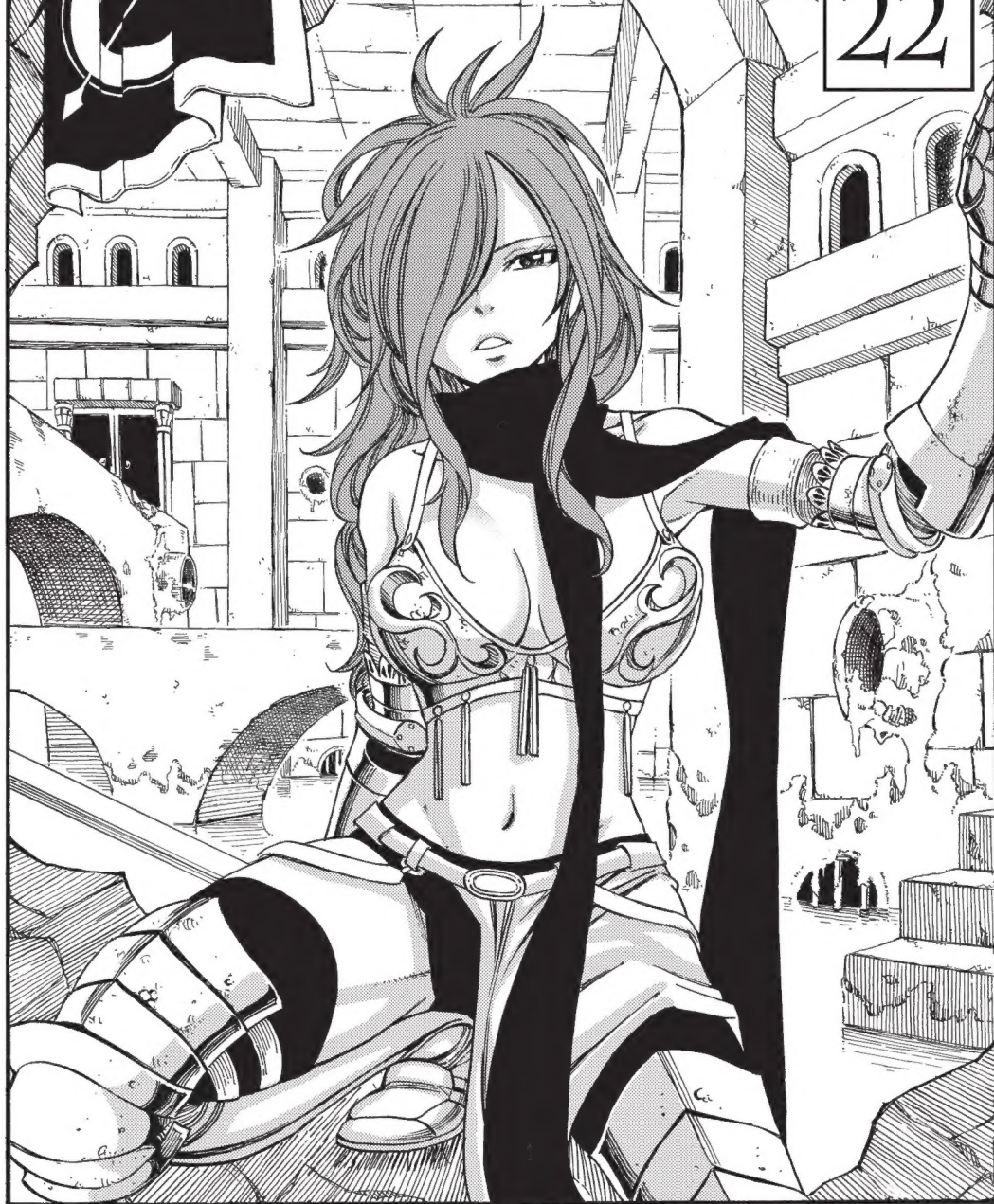


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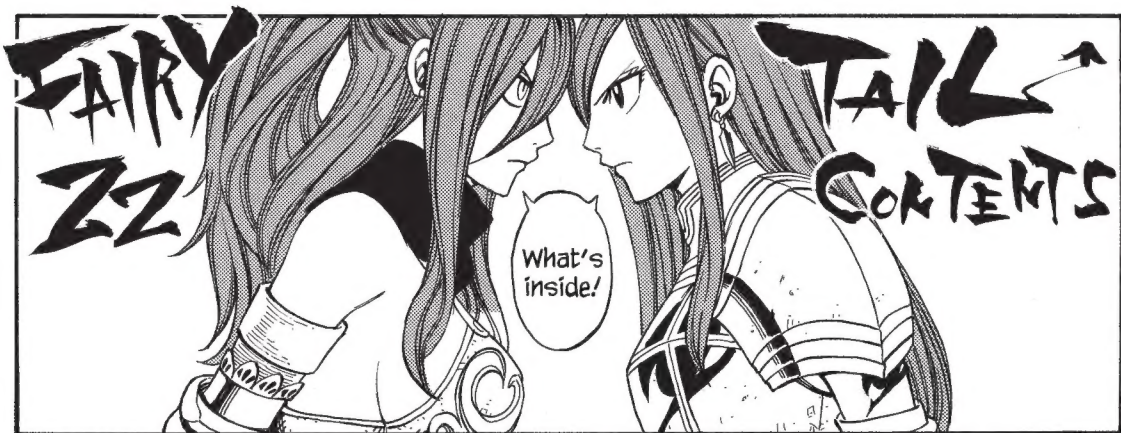
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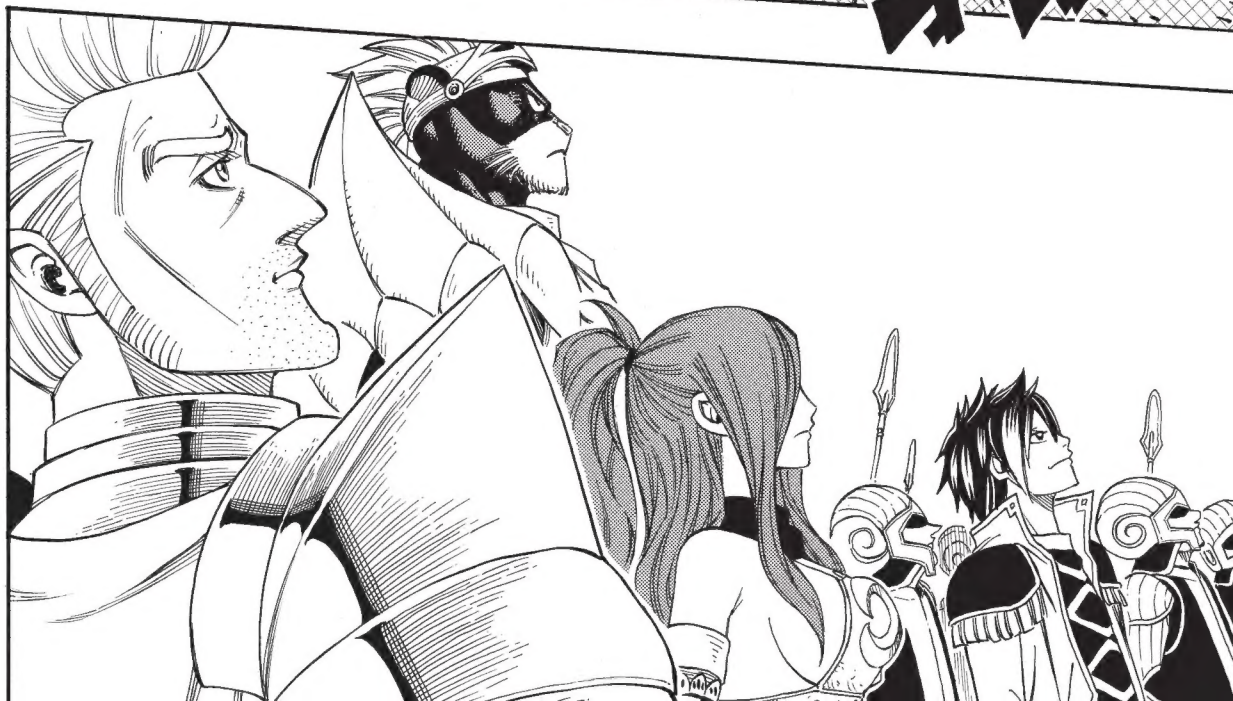
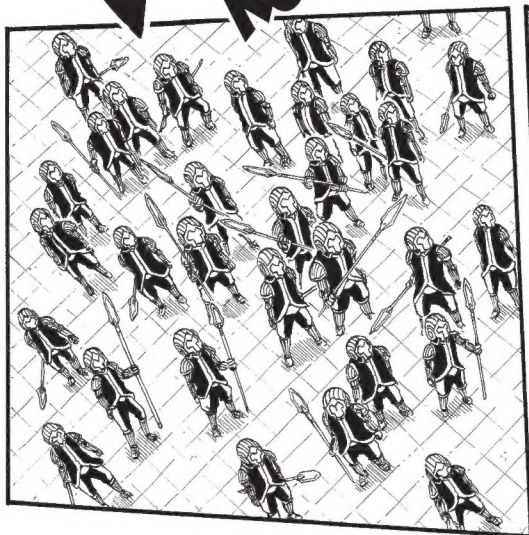
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Chapter 179, Code ETD





Besides...
Even if I
could use my
magic, there
are too many
of them...

A close-up of a girl with long, straight blonde hair. She has a sad expression, with her eyes looking down and slightly to the side. There are a few small droplets of sweat or tears on her forehead. The background is dark and indistinct.

I think these handcuffs are blocking my magic!

Lucy, your Celestial Spirits!

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Lucy, your Celestial Spirits!

What'll we do ???

ROAR

They're in the sky and on the ground...

What'll we do ???

ROAR

They're in the sky and on the ground...

It looks like the
Extalia Royal
Guard is chasing
the Fallen, Your
Majesty!

ROAR

PING PONG PONG PONG PONG PONG

Wh-What
is going
on here...

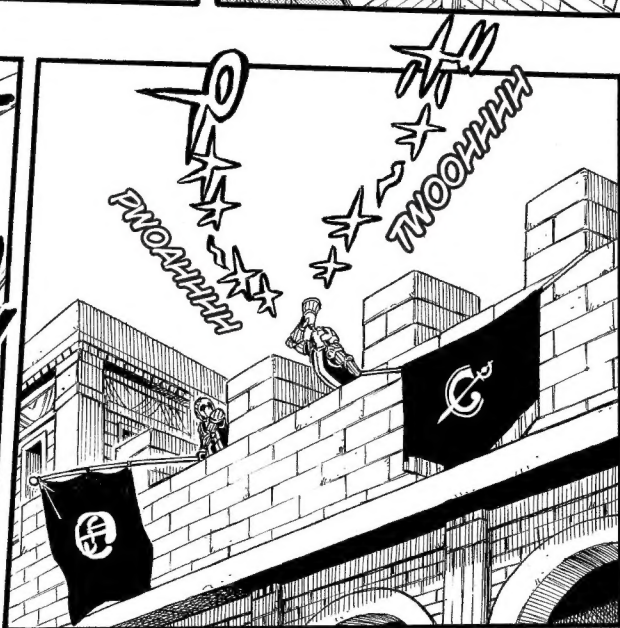
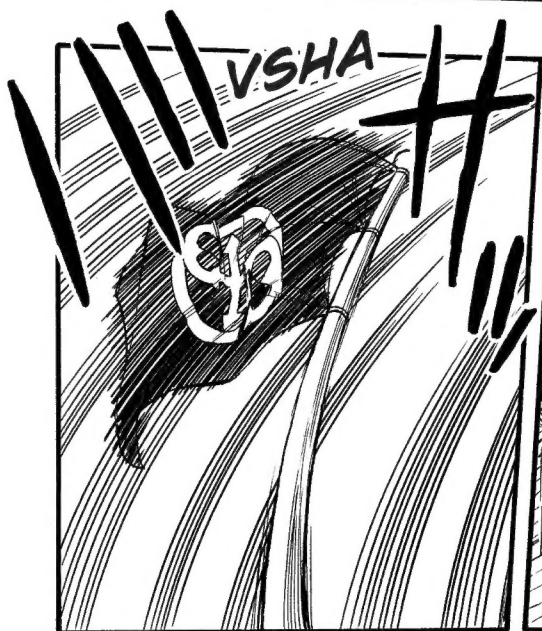
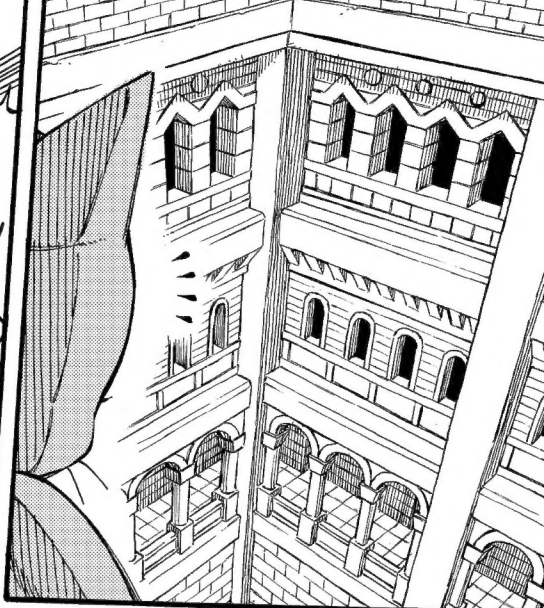
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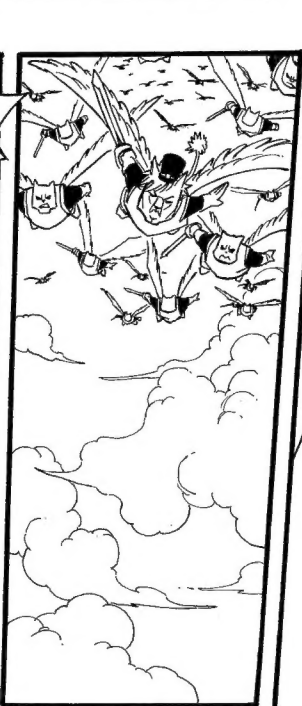
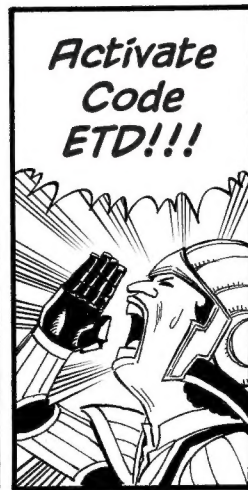
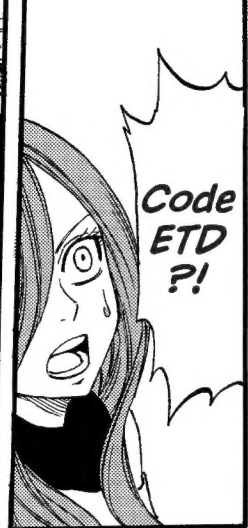
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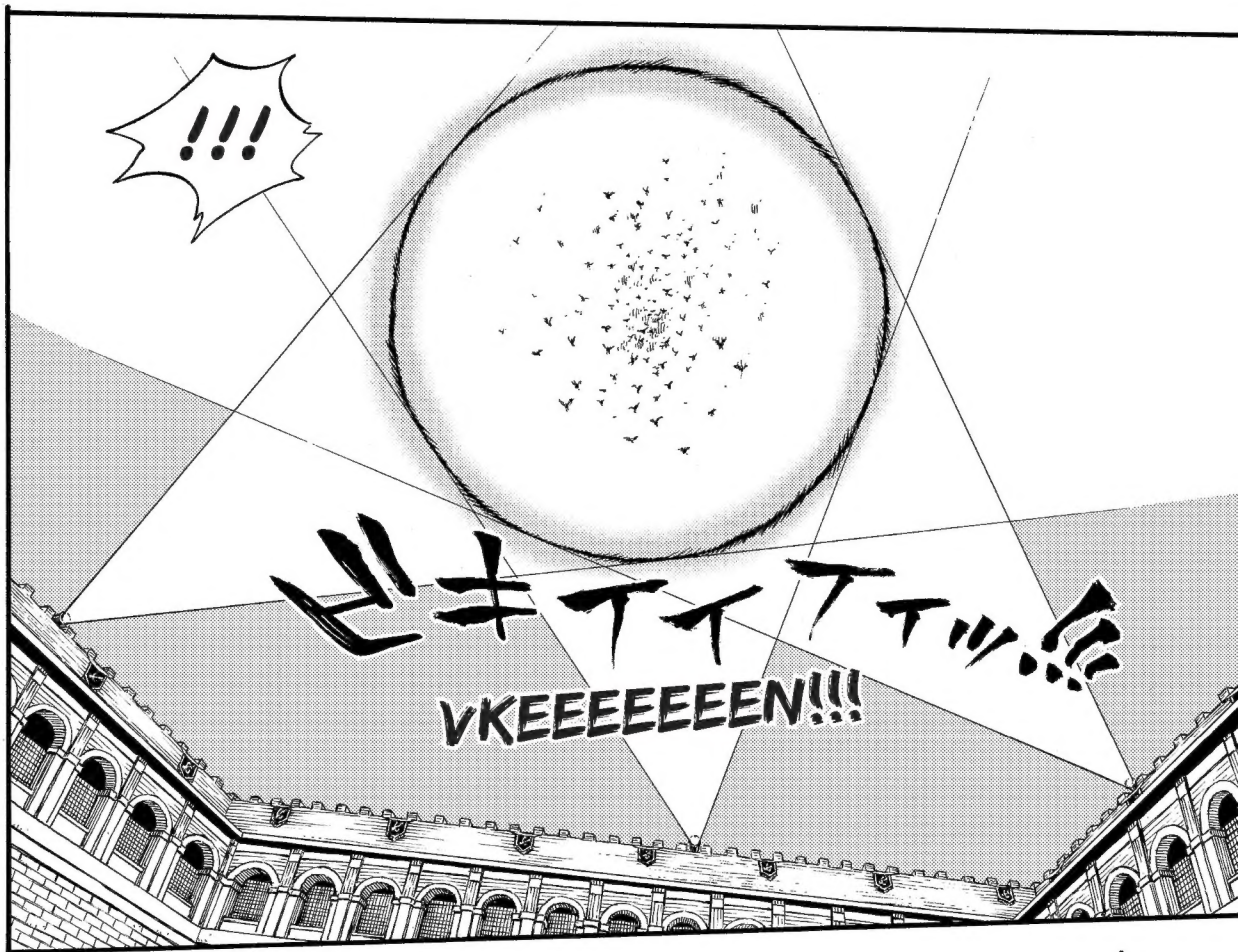
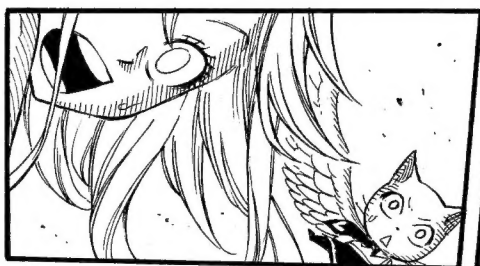
PING PONG PONG PONG PONG PONG

Wh-What
is going
on here...

Activate
Code
ETD!









What's the meaning of this...

You humans?!



I don't know, but I think we have to use this confusion.



What do you think they're trying to do?



Then this is a rebellion?!

Wh-What's going on here?! Aren't the Exceed supposed be like angels or gods to the humans here?



Yes, Ma'am!

They're headed for the West Tower cells! Call for reinforcements!

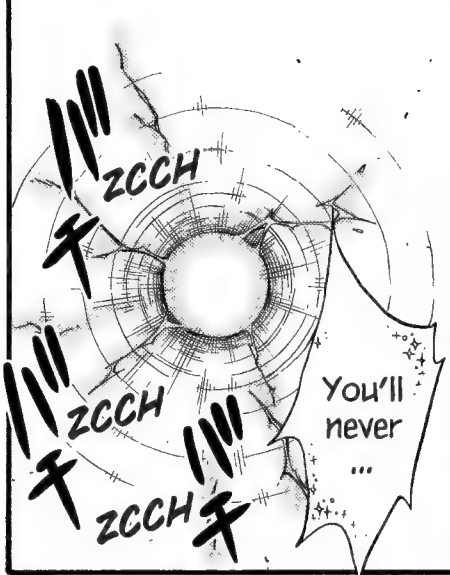


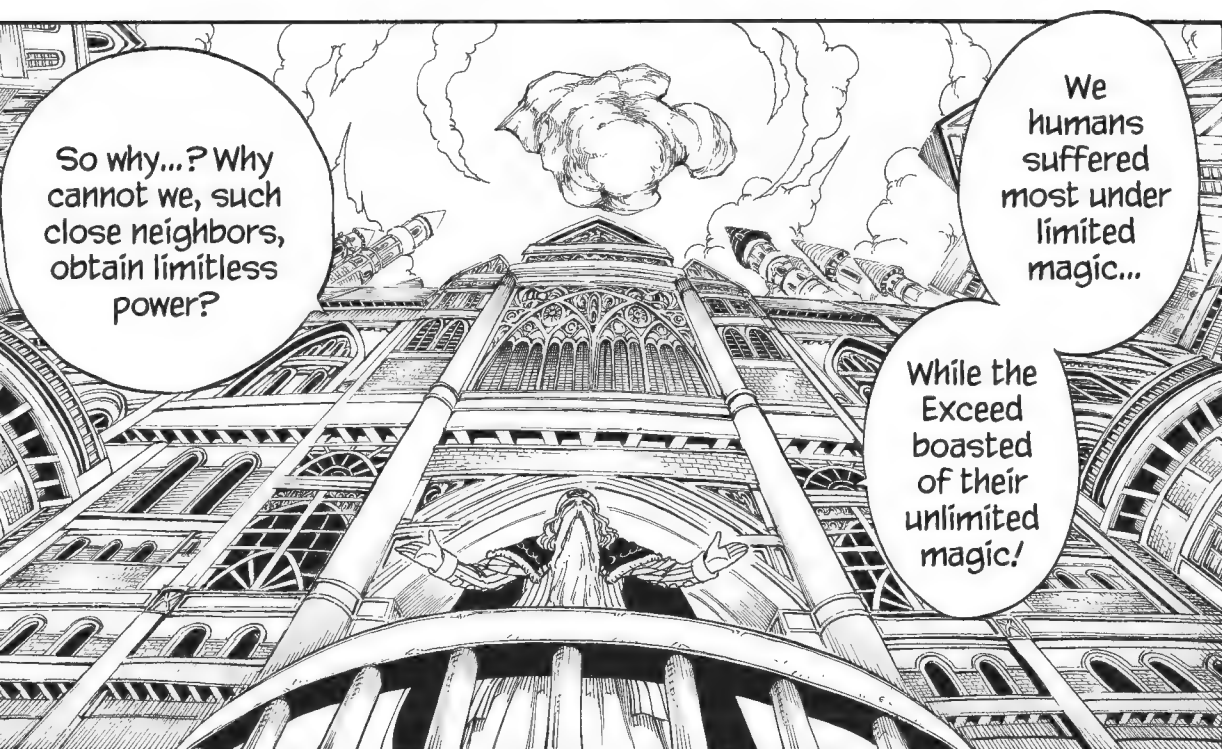
Dammit! The Fallen and the prisoner!



Aye!!

Now's our chance to rescue Wendy and the others!





I say to you, my warriors!



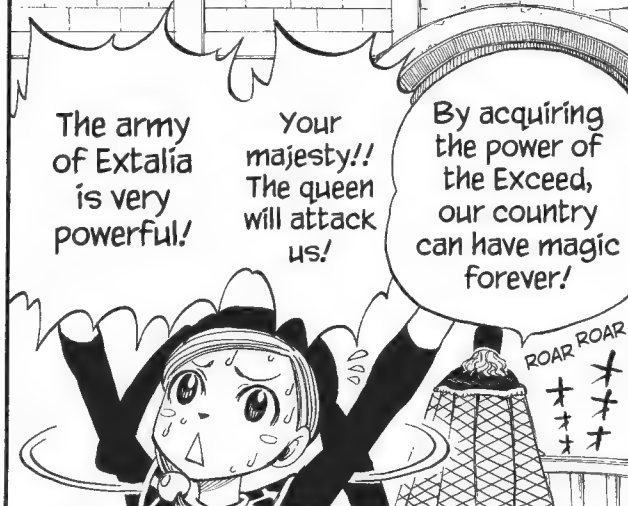
Commence
Code ETD:
Exceed Total
Destruction!
Eliminate the
angels!!!!

ROOOOAR





That is
why we've
captured the
dragon
slayers.



The army
of Extalia
is very
powerful!

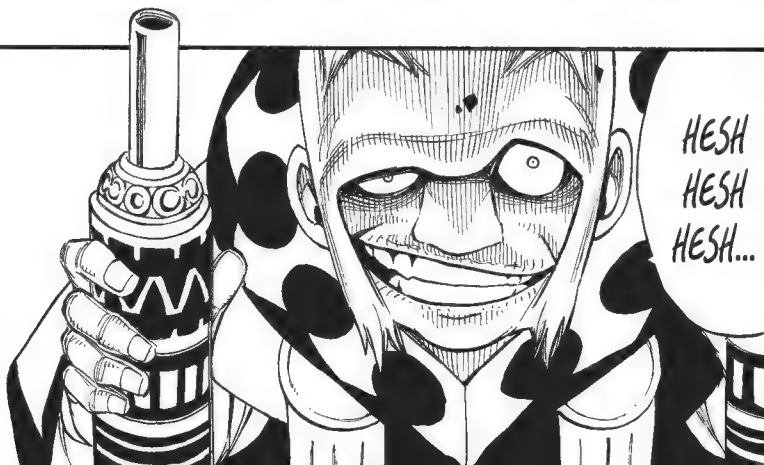
Your
majesty!!
The queen
will attack
us!

By acquiring
the power of
the Exceed,
our country
can have magic
forever!



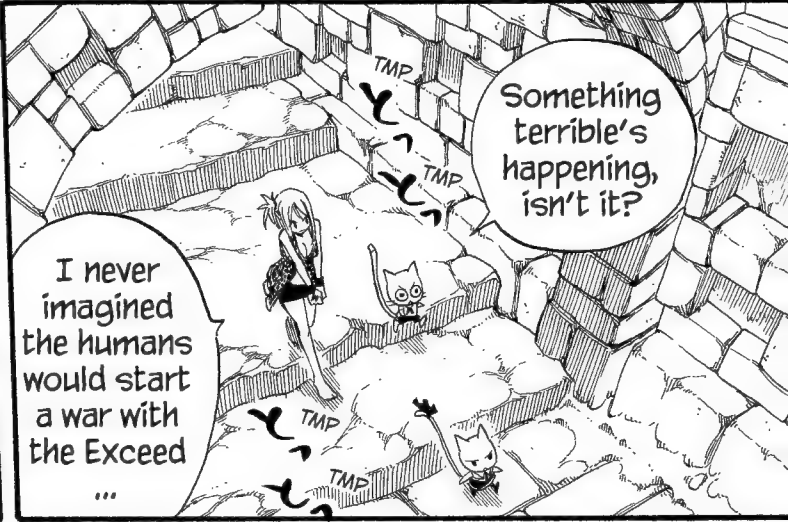
**Hurry
with the
dragon slayer
extraction,
Byro!!!**

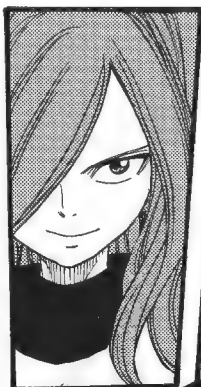
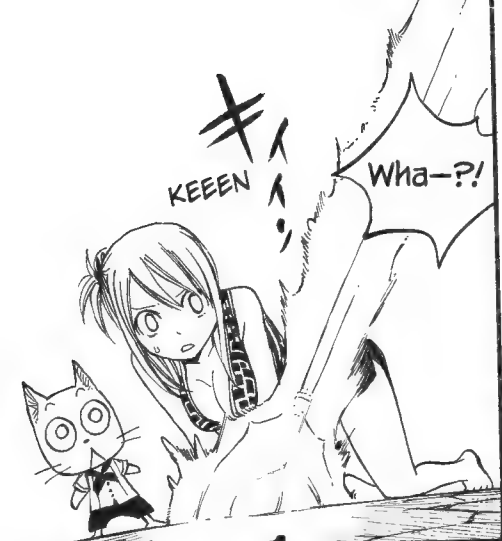
**We must
take down
the gods,
now!**

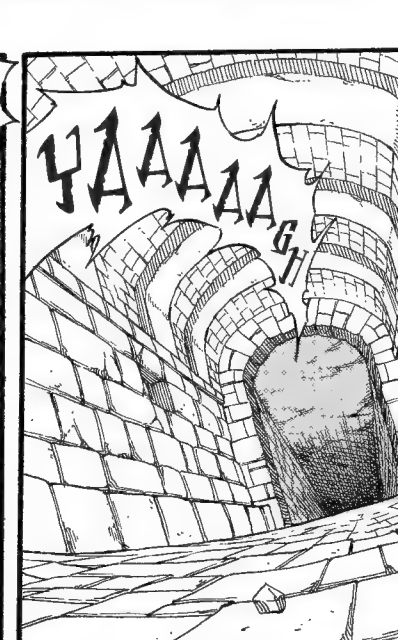
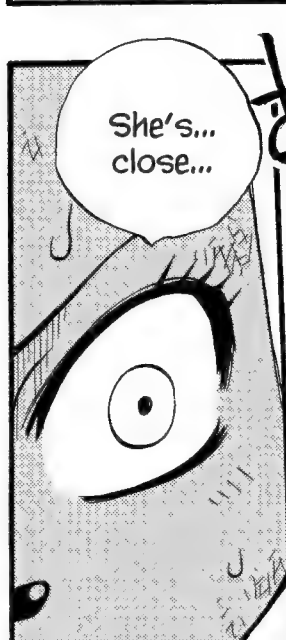
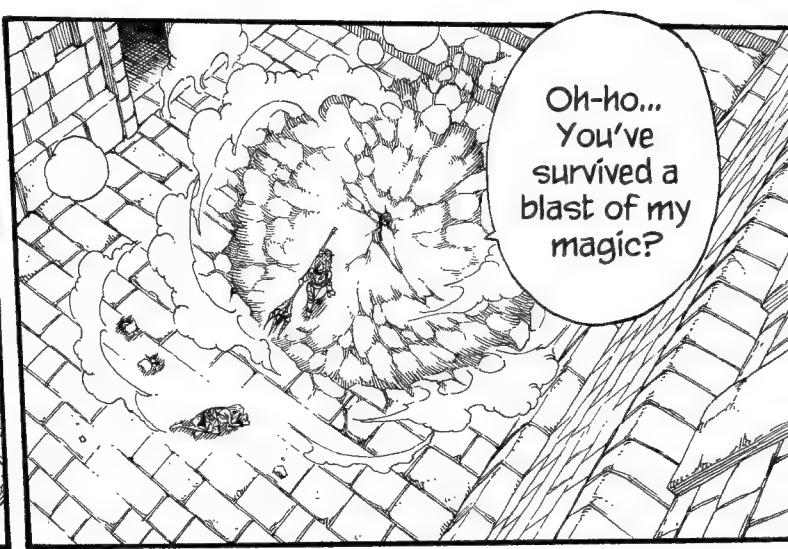


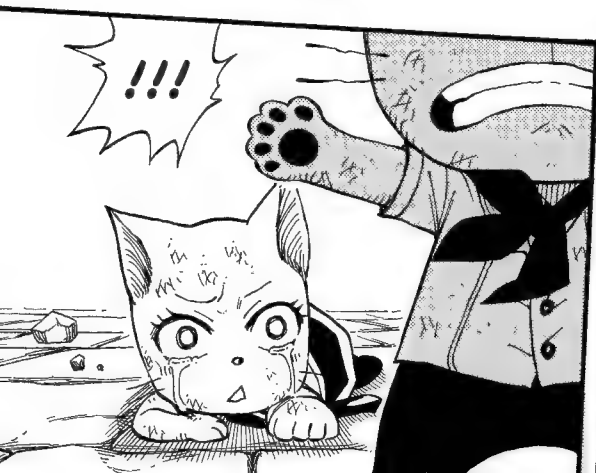
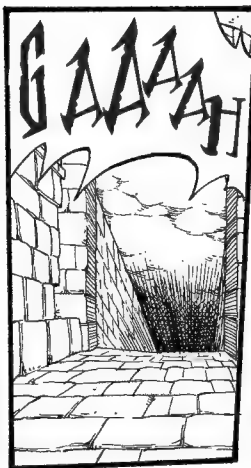
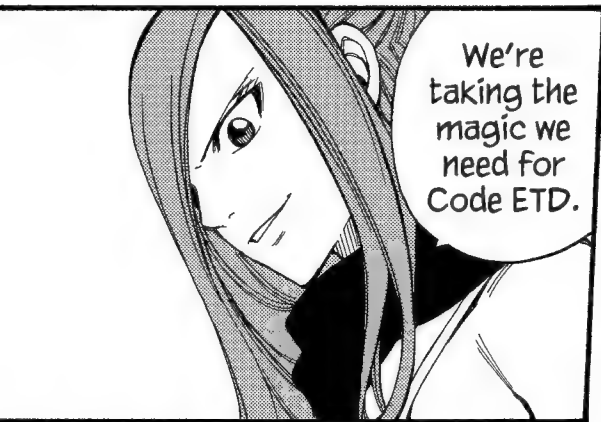
HESH
HESH
HESH...

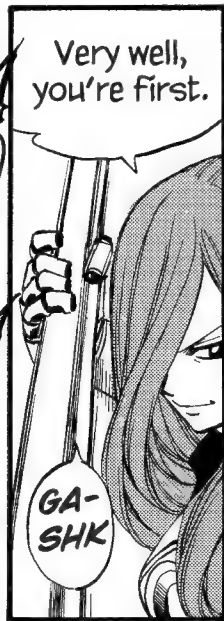
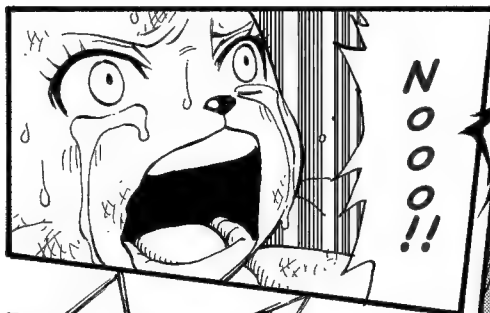
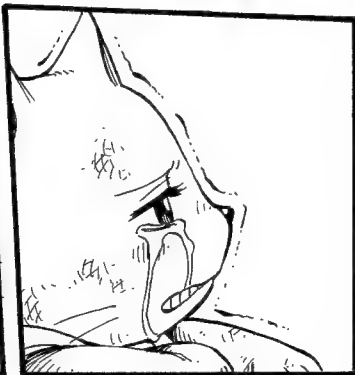


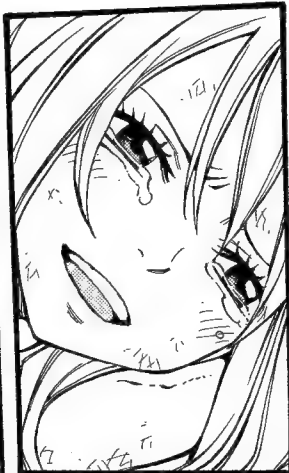
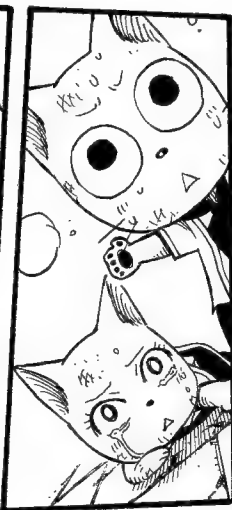












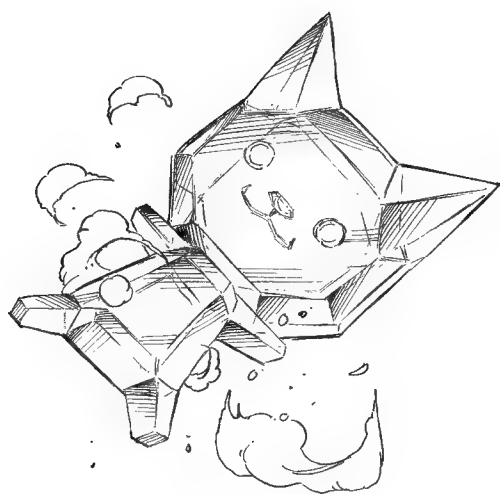
**You are
enemies
of Fairy
Tail!**

**Gray
!!**

**Erza
!!**

GIWOO



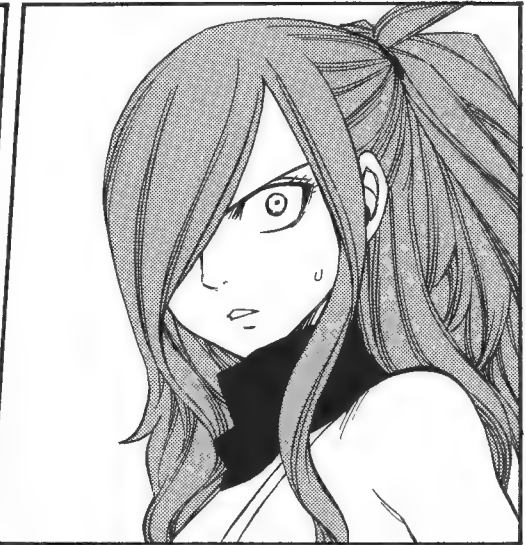
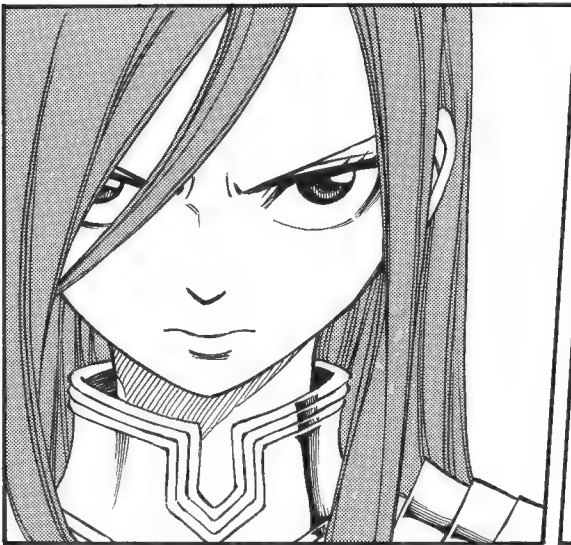
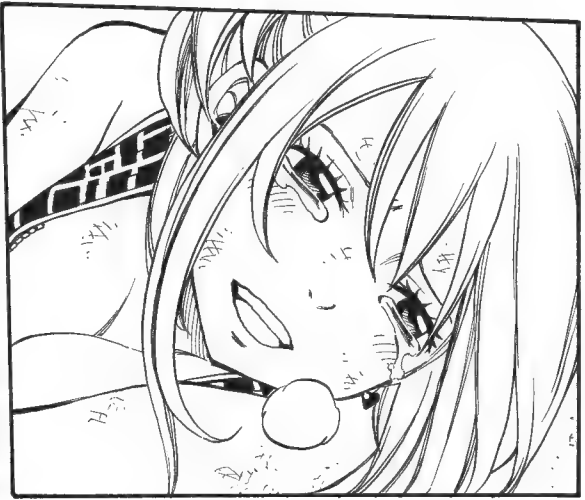
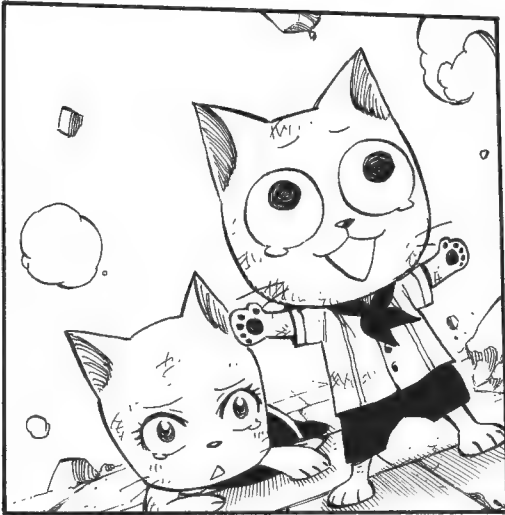
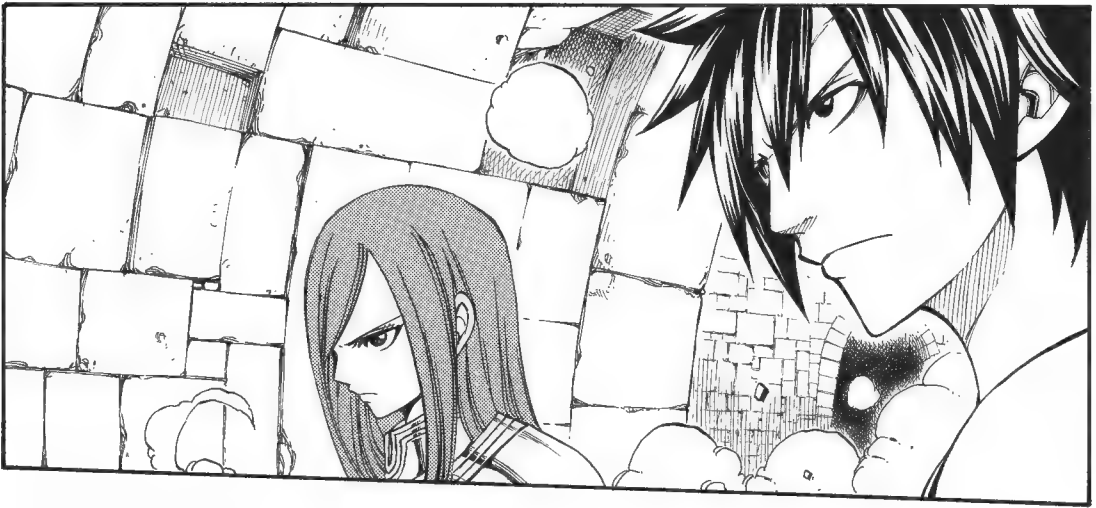


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Chapter 180, Erza vs. Erza







Is
that Gray
Sorloge over
there?!

Wh-What?!
There's
another Erza
?!



Where
are our
friends
?!



What
?!!

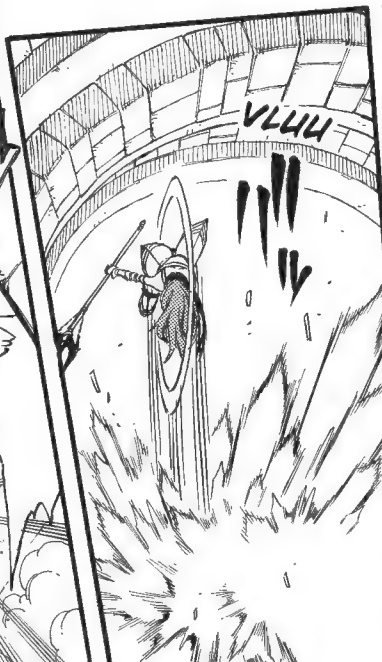
No!!
Those two
are from
Earth-land
!!!

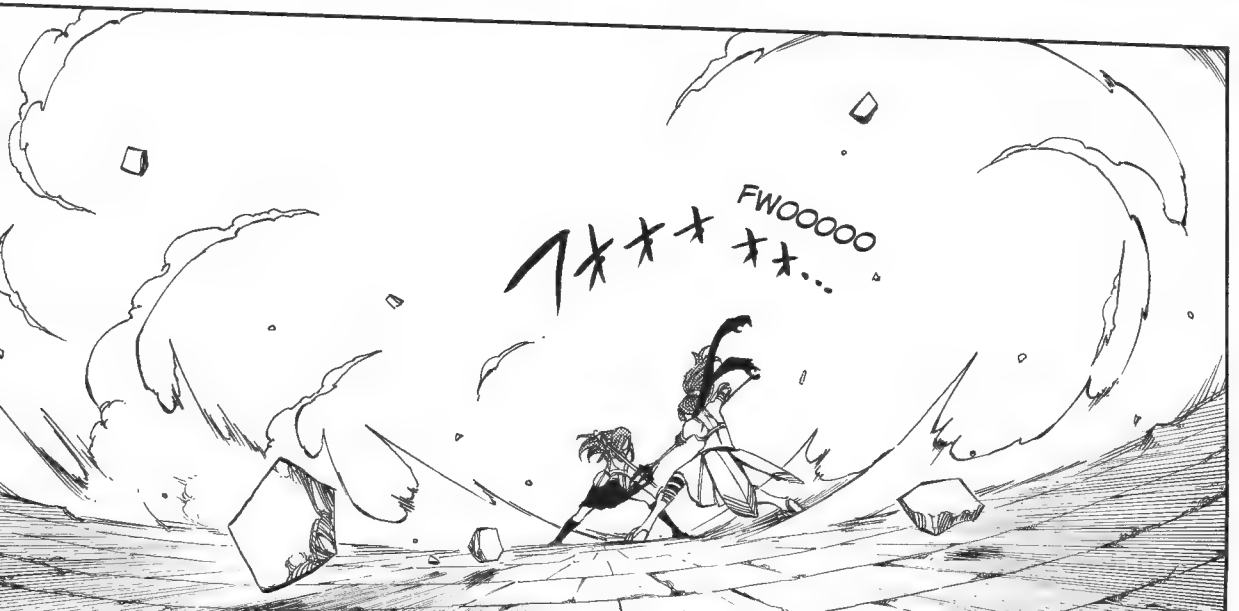
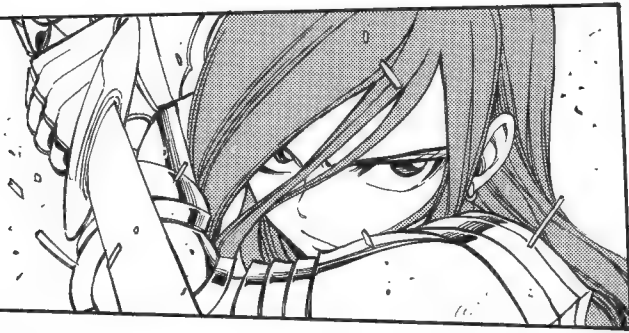


WELL?

Where
are my
friends you
turned into
a lacrima
?!!

KEEEEEEEN



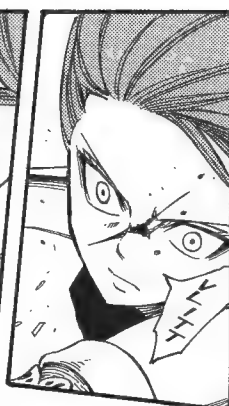




GAWOOOSH



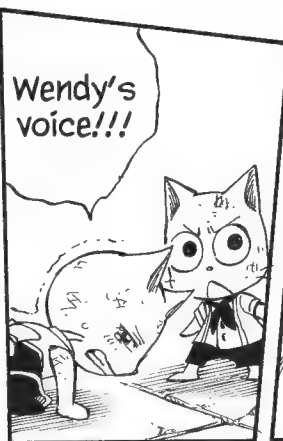
Erza
versus
Erza
...?!!



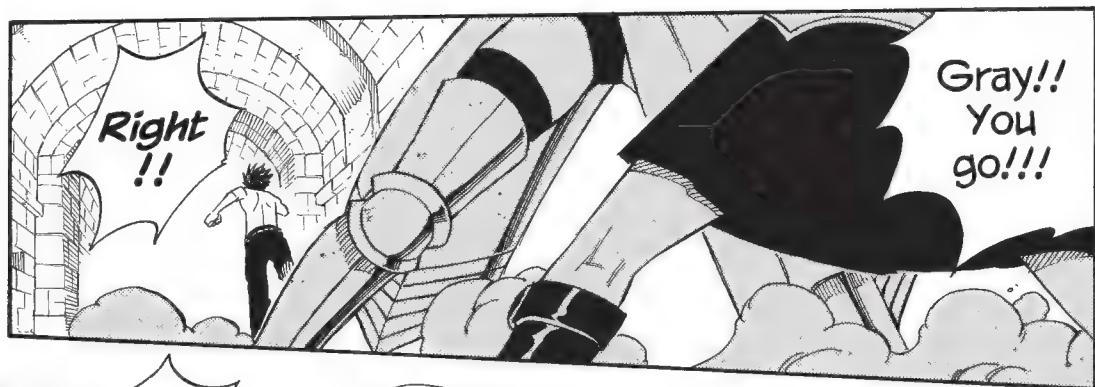
Natsu
should
be there
too!

Probably
just down
there!!!

Is she
close
?!!



Wendy's
voice!!!



Right
!!

Gray!!
You
go!!!



Time for
questions
later!!
Let's go
!!!



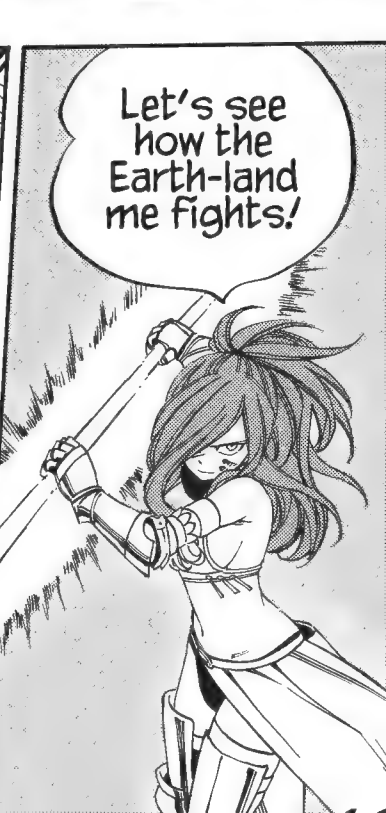
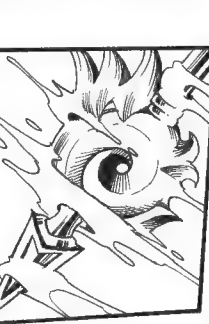
H-How
did you get
here?

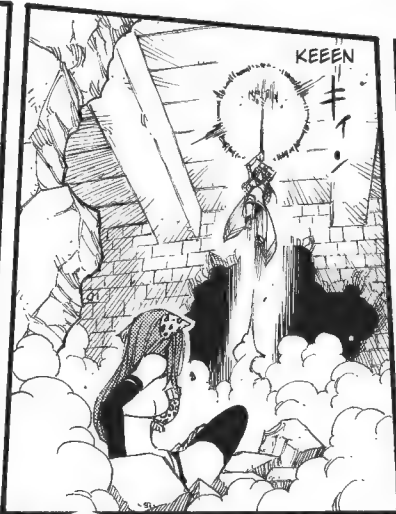
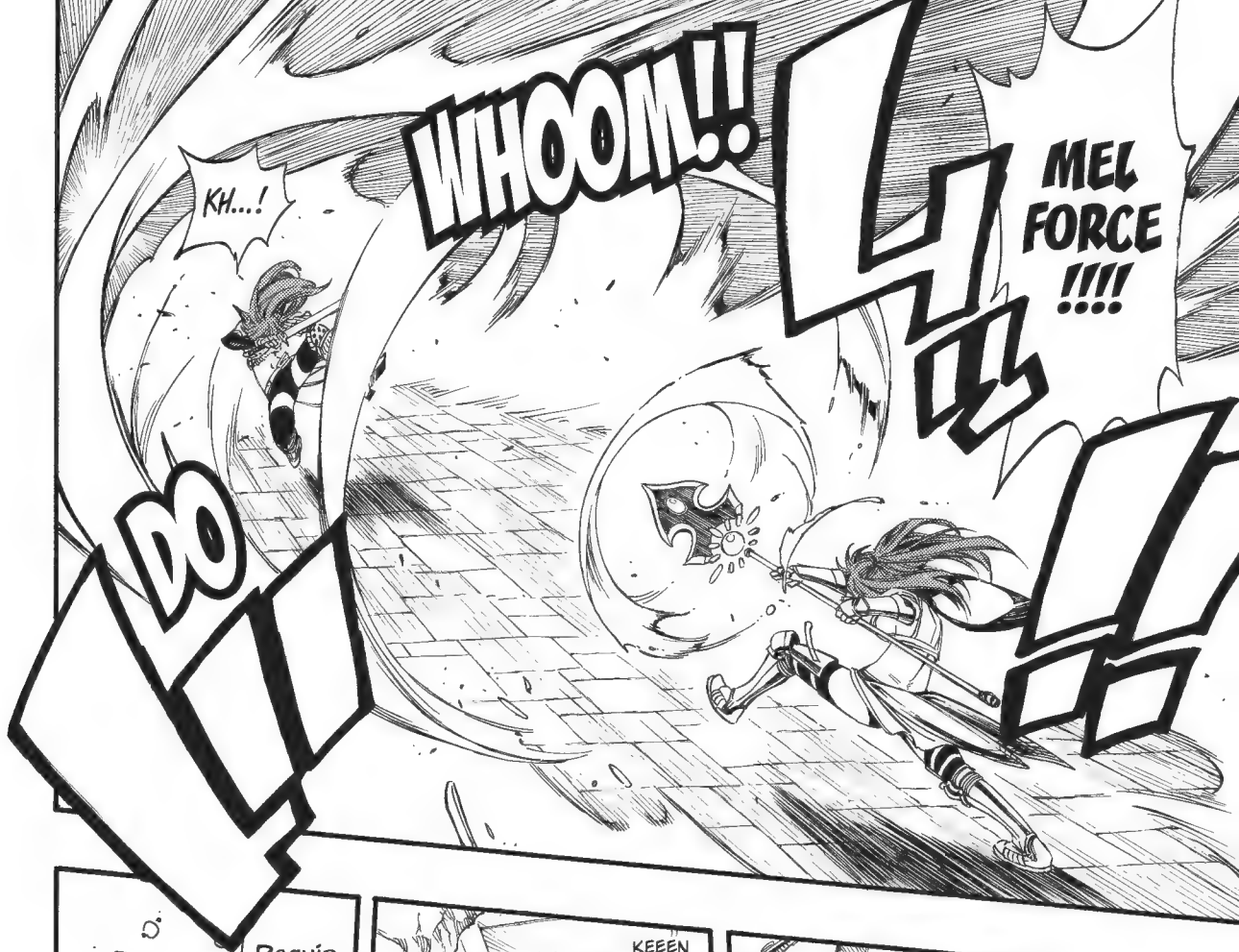
KRAKIKK
!!

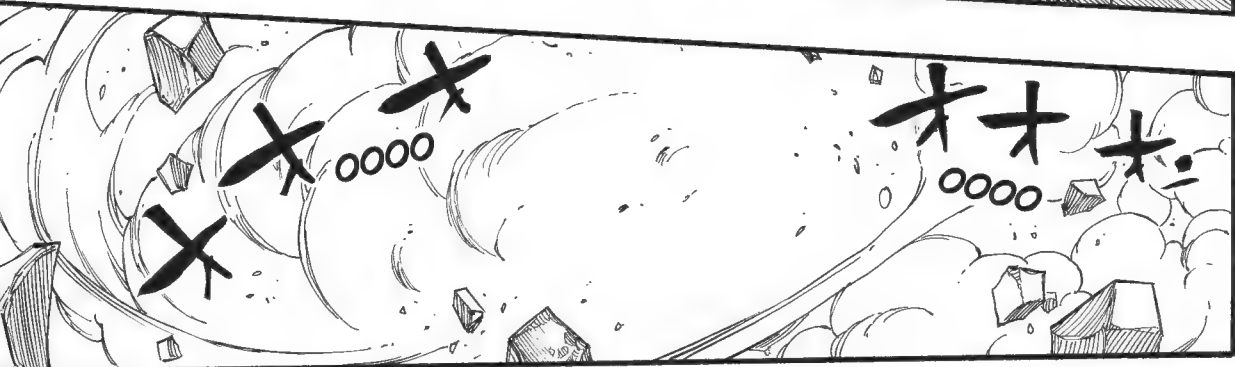


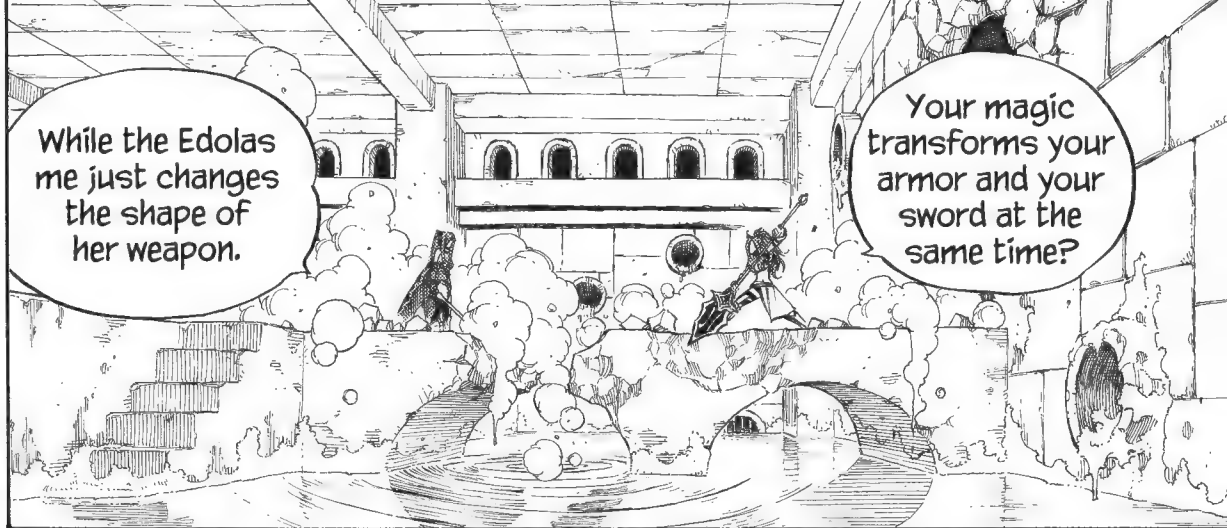
Yeah...

Can you
stand up,
Lucy?



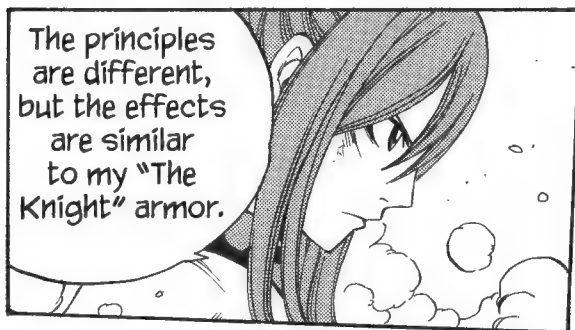






While the Edolas
me just changes
the shape of
her weapon.

Your magic
transforms your
armor and your
sword at the
same time?



The principles
are different,
but the effects
are similar
to my "The
Knight" armor.



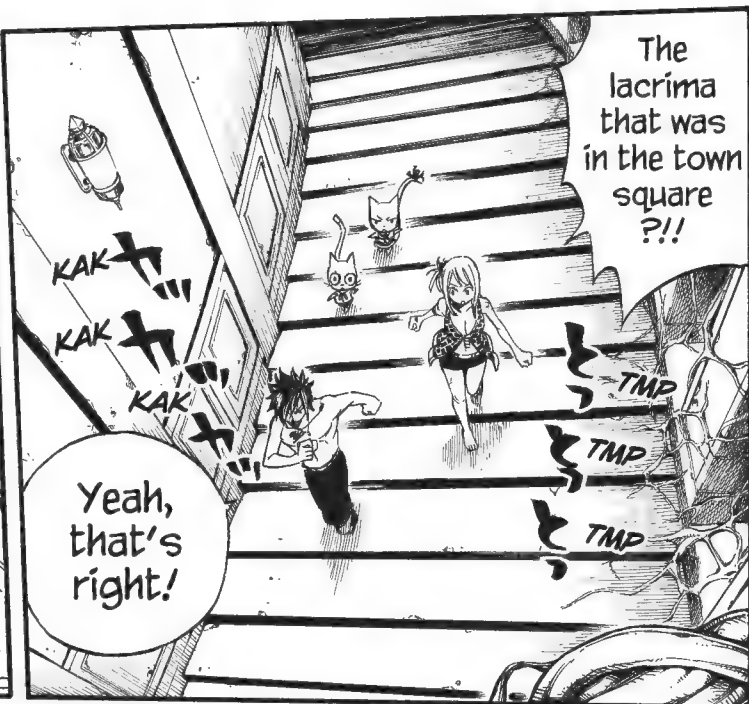
My fighting
strength also
increases
depending on
the shape of
my spear.



Then
come
!!!



You will now
see the true
power of Ten
Command-
ments, my
magic spear!





Him...? Why doesn't he come here himself?

Mystogan sent Gajeel here.



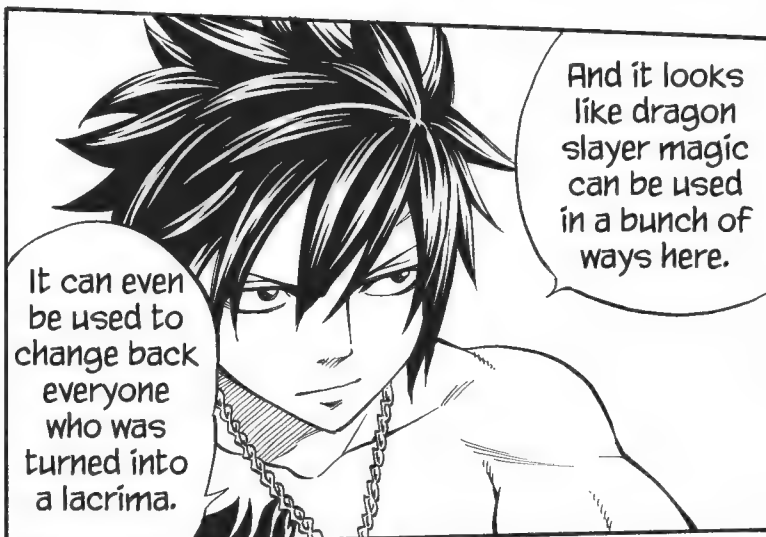
But if he wasn't sucked in, how'd he get here from Earth-land?

Oh, yeah... Gajeel's a dragon slayer too. Maybe the Anima didn't work on him just like it didn't work on Natsu.



We...know where the lacrima with everybody in it is!

Really ?!!



It can even be used to change back everyone who was turned into a lacrima.

And it looks like dragon slayer magic can be used in a bunch of ways here.



Can you take him to it?

Gajeel is looking everywhere for that giant lacrima.



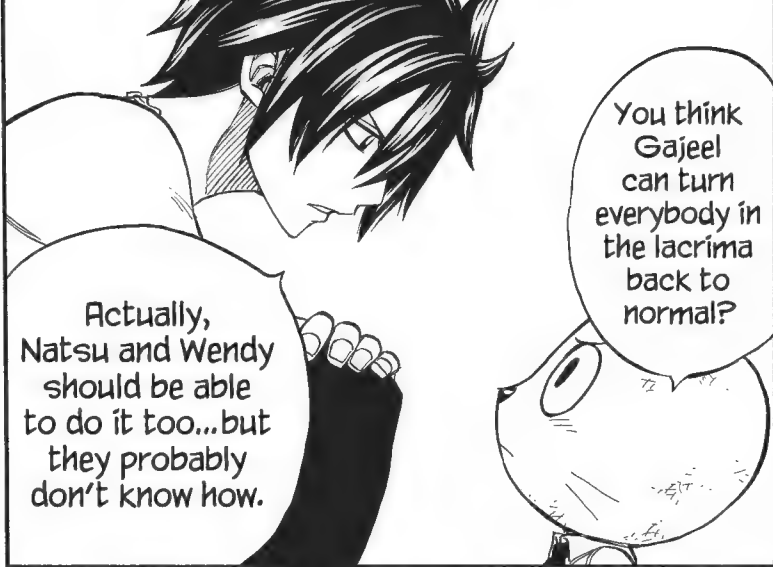
Are you serious, Happy?!

Aye!!



Wait!
Will you
be okay,
Happy?

Got it!!
I'll take
Gajeel
there!!



Actually,
Natsu and Wendy
should be able
to do it too...but
they probably
don't know how.

You think
Gajeel
can turn
everybody in
the lacrima
back to
normal?



We have to
find Natsu
and Wendy
now!!!

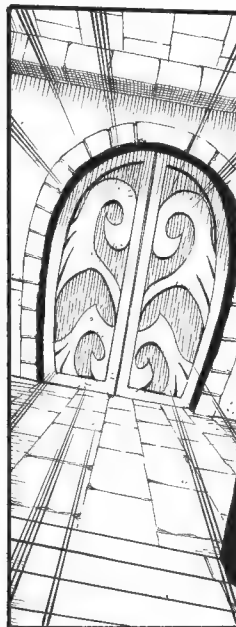


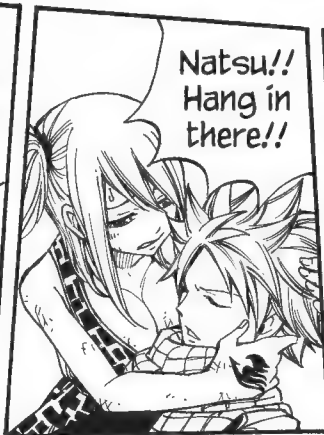
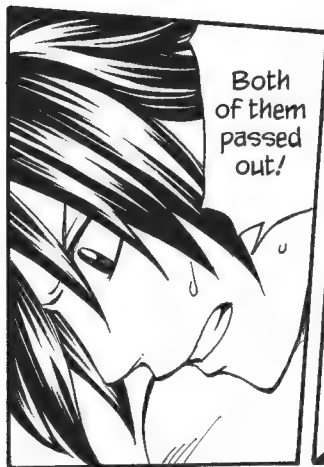
He'll
be
fine.

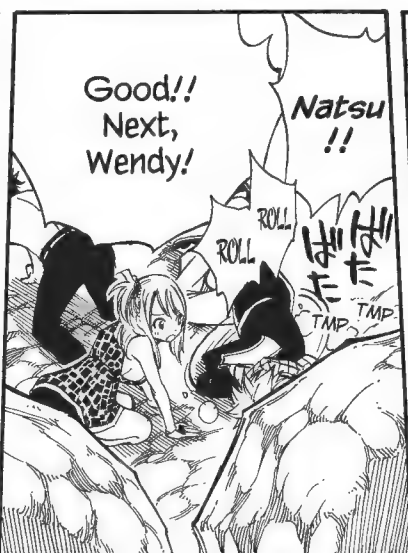


Look!!!
There's a
door!!!

Are they
there?!



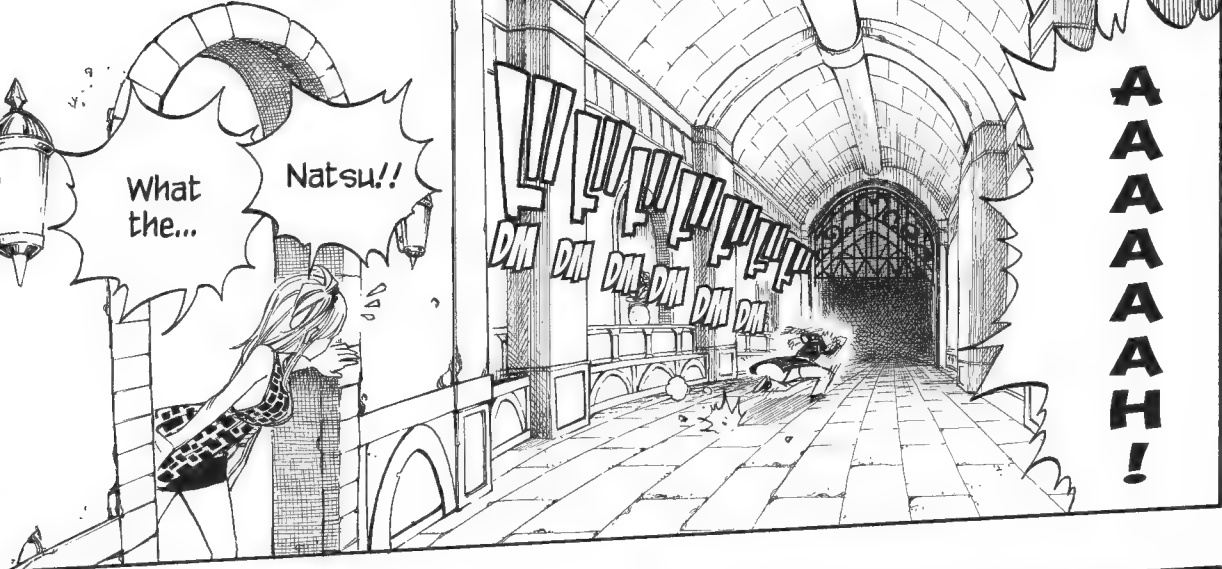






W-We
gotta
stop
'em...





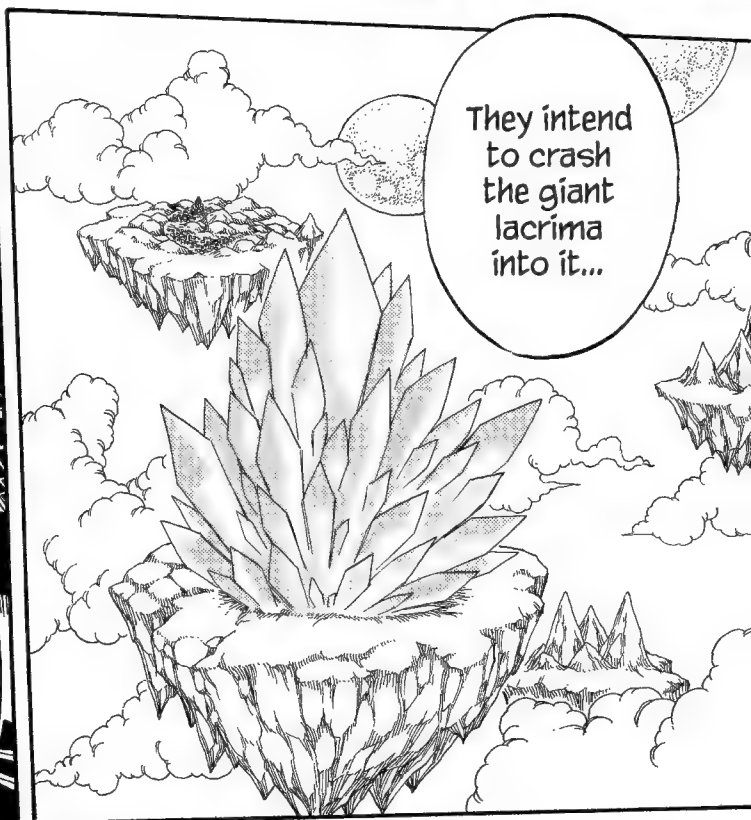


...wants to
destroy
Extalia...

The royal
army...



They want
to take our
friends and
use them like a
bomb!!!!



They intend
to crash
the giant
lacrima
into it...



And magic
will rain
down upon
my king-
dom!

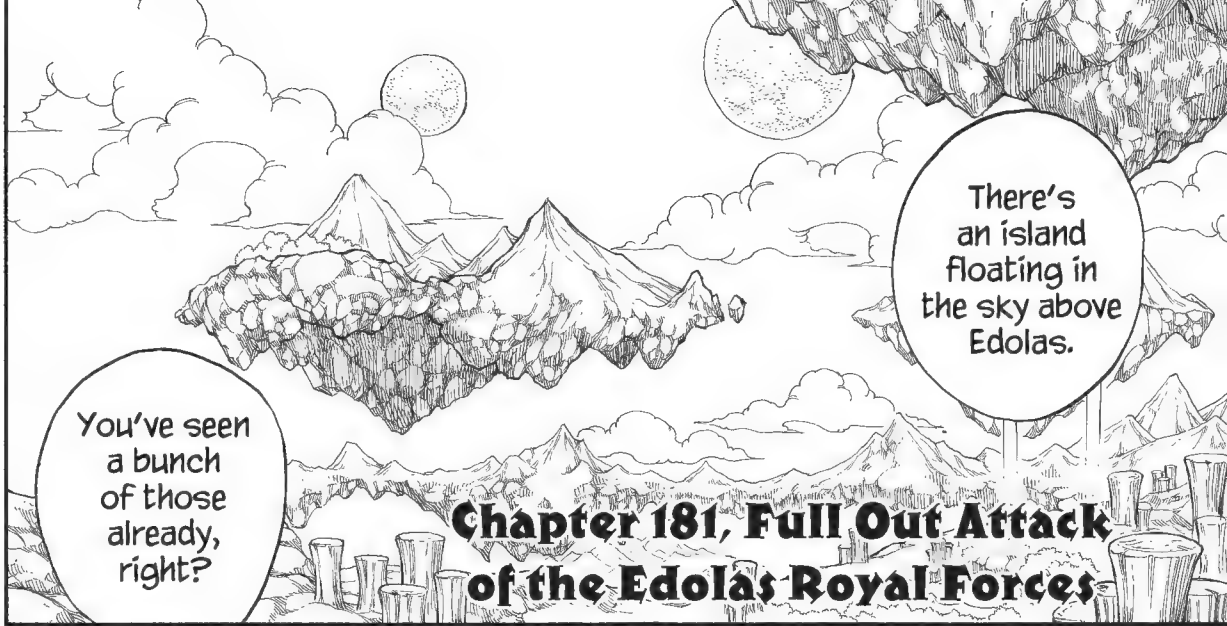
We will
break the
lacrima and
Exceed into
powder and
fuse them!

This is the
moment
we've
awaited...

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You've seen a bunch of those already, right?

There's an island floating in the sky above Edolas.

Chapter 181, Full Out Attack of the Edolas Royal Forces



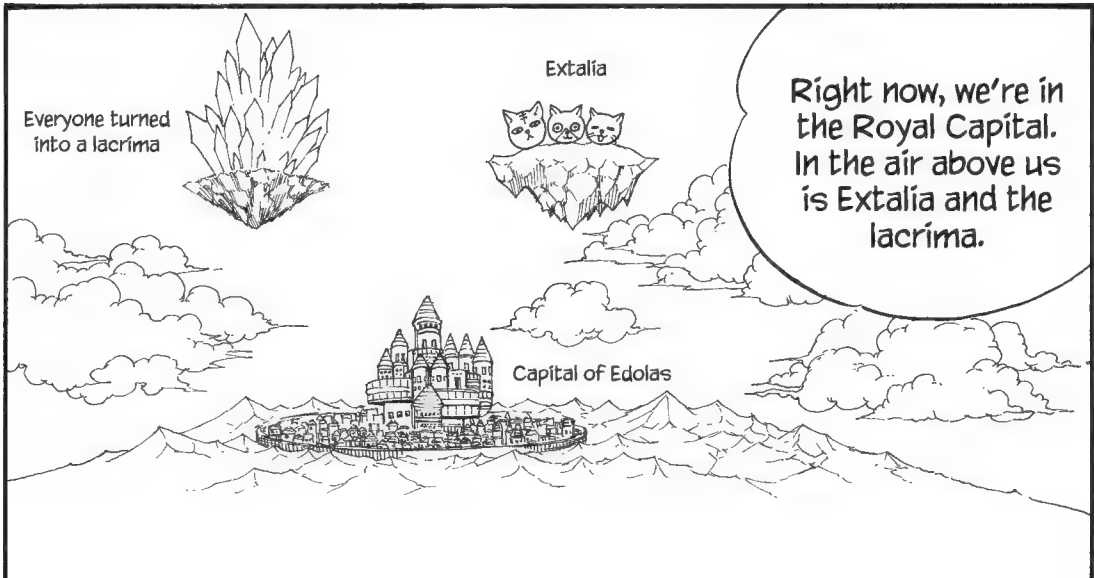
One very close to Extalia.

So the lacrima made up of our friends is on one of those islands?



Apparently they float because of Extalia's magic.

The book said it maintained the magical balance of the world.



Everyone turned into a lacrima

Extalia

Capital of Edolas

Right now, we're in the Royal Capital. In the air above us is Extalia and the lacrima.



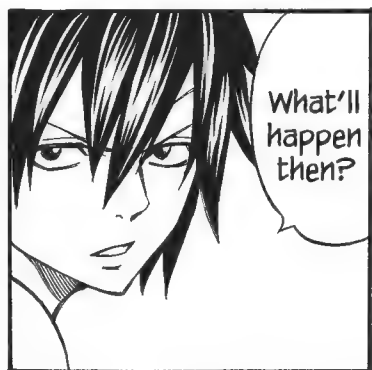
...and
crash
it into
Extalia.

They plan
to use the
dragon slayer
magic to
move the
floating
island...



...
And eternal
magic will
rain down
on this land.

When the
Extalia magic
and the Fairy
Tail magic
collide, they'll
break apart
and fuse.

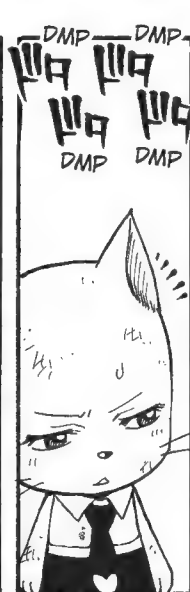


What'll
happen
then?



An
enemy
?!!

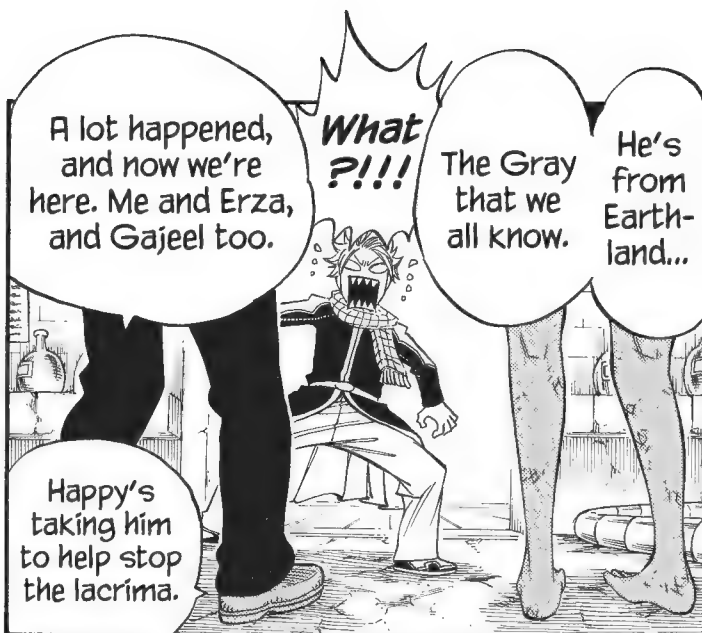
Some-
body's
coming
!!



If they do
that, every-
body in the
guild will...

...be
lost
for-
ever!!







Wait!!
That's where
the two
monsters
are!!

Is it
okay to
just leave
Erza?

Well, she
is Erza.

But she's
fighting
Erza too.



Yeah
!!

Right
!!

Right!!
Preparations
complete!! Let's
find that king
and stop this
lacrima crashing
thing!!



We have to tell
them that the
royal army is
attacking and
get them to
evacuate!

Wh-
Why
...?!



Carla, we're
going to
Exstalia.



They may be
in great danger,
and we have to let
them know that!!
That's something
we can do!

But...
We don't
know if the
King's forces
are hiding other
weapons!

No, I can't!!
I don't want to
go back there!!
I...don't care
what happens to
the Exceed!

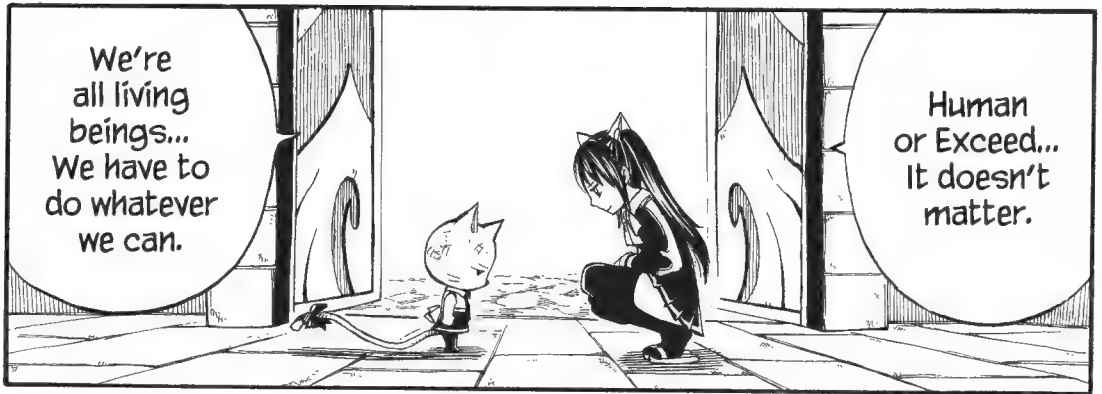


Of course
we're going to
stop them! We
can't let them
do it!!!

And we're
going to trust
Natsu and our
other friends to
do that!!!

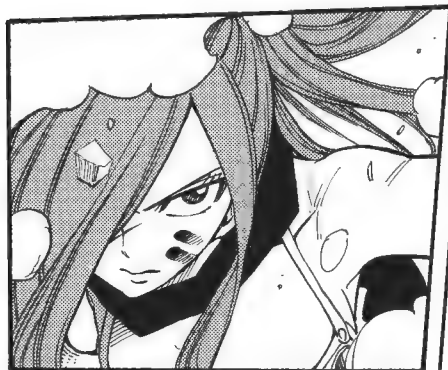


Aren't we
supposed
to be
stopping the
attack?!!

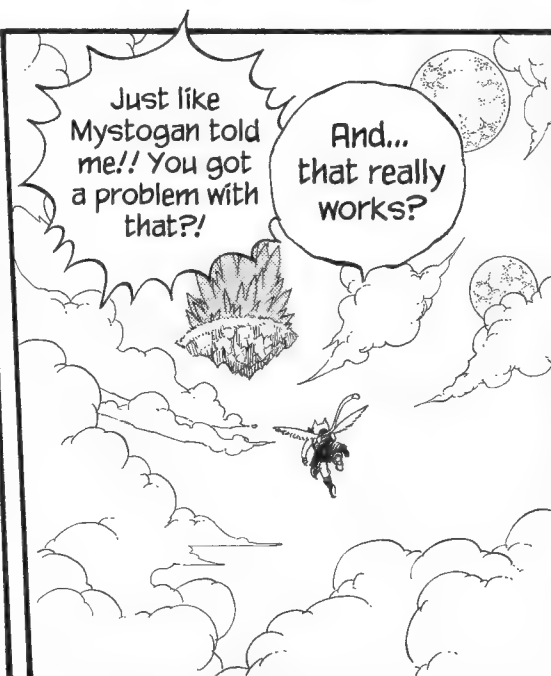
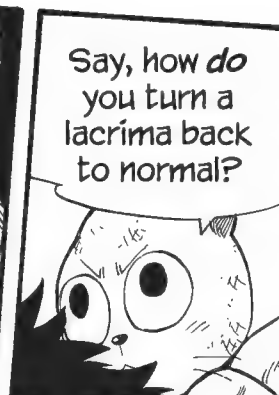


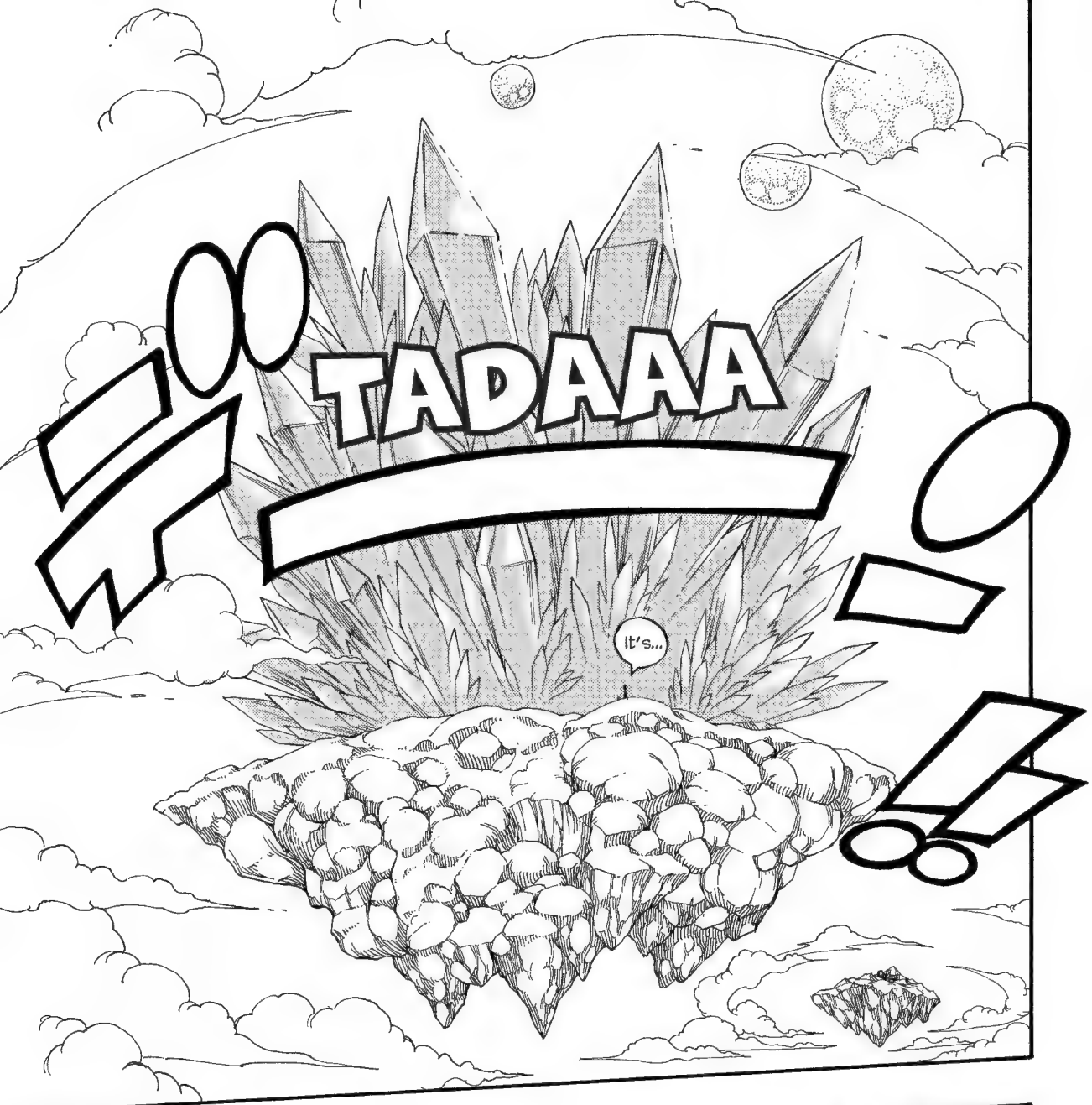
Who cares about the Exceed ...





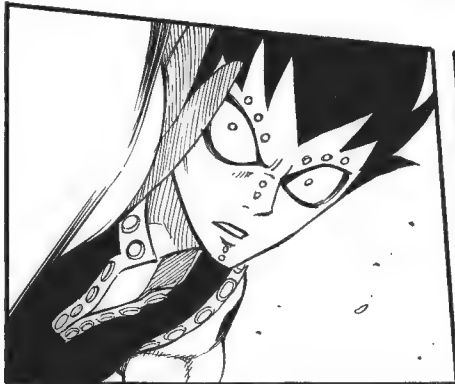


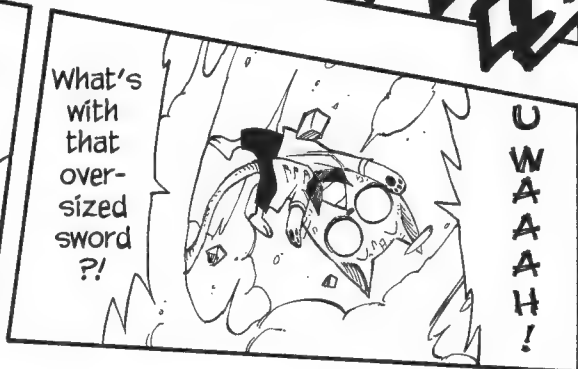


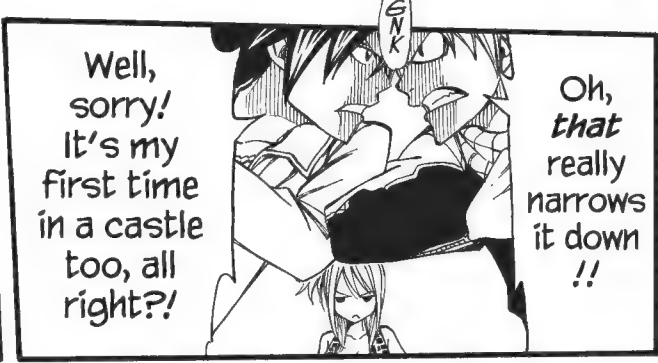


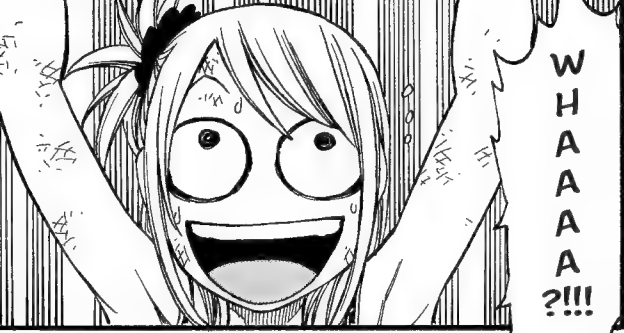




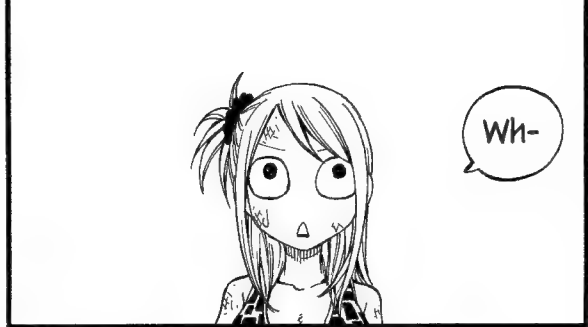








W H A A A A ?!!!

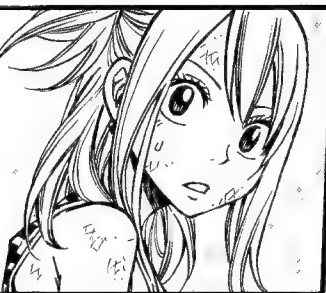


Wh-



...an amusement park ?!

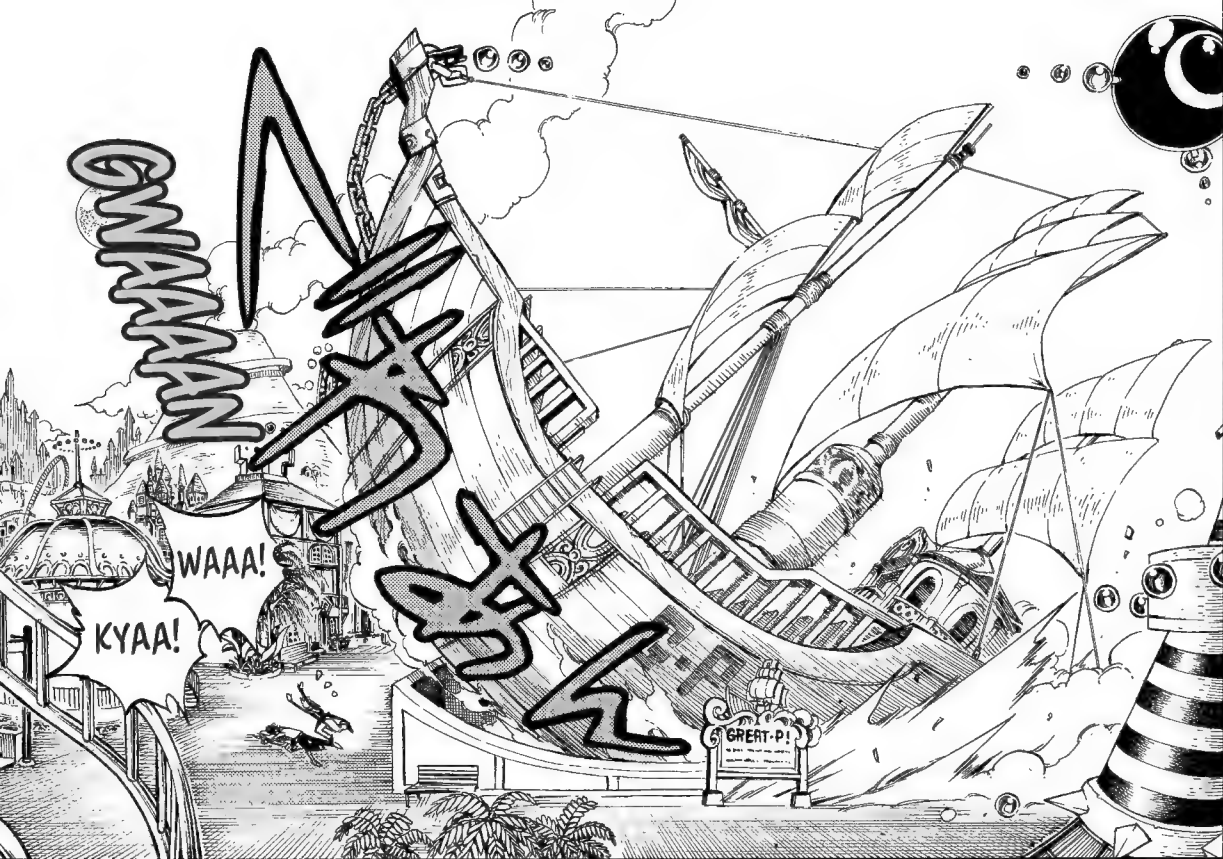
It really is...



From the look on your face, you and he have a lot in common.

Hey, is this king guy right in the head?

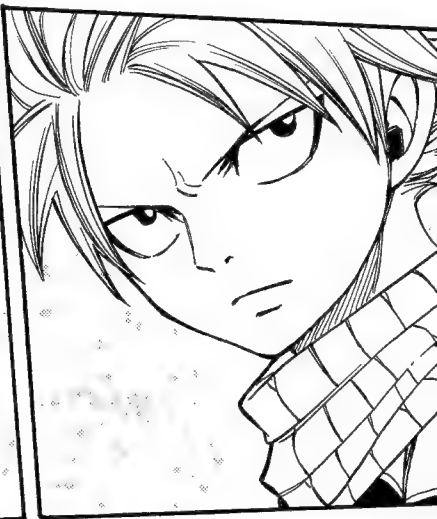
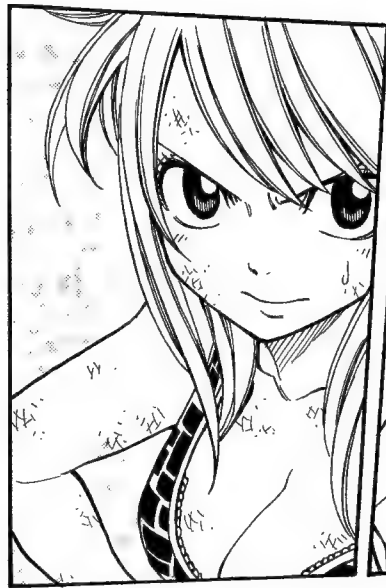






And we will, by any means necessary.

We can now gain access to a source of eternal magic.

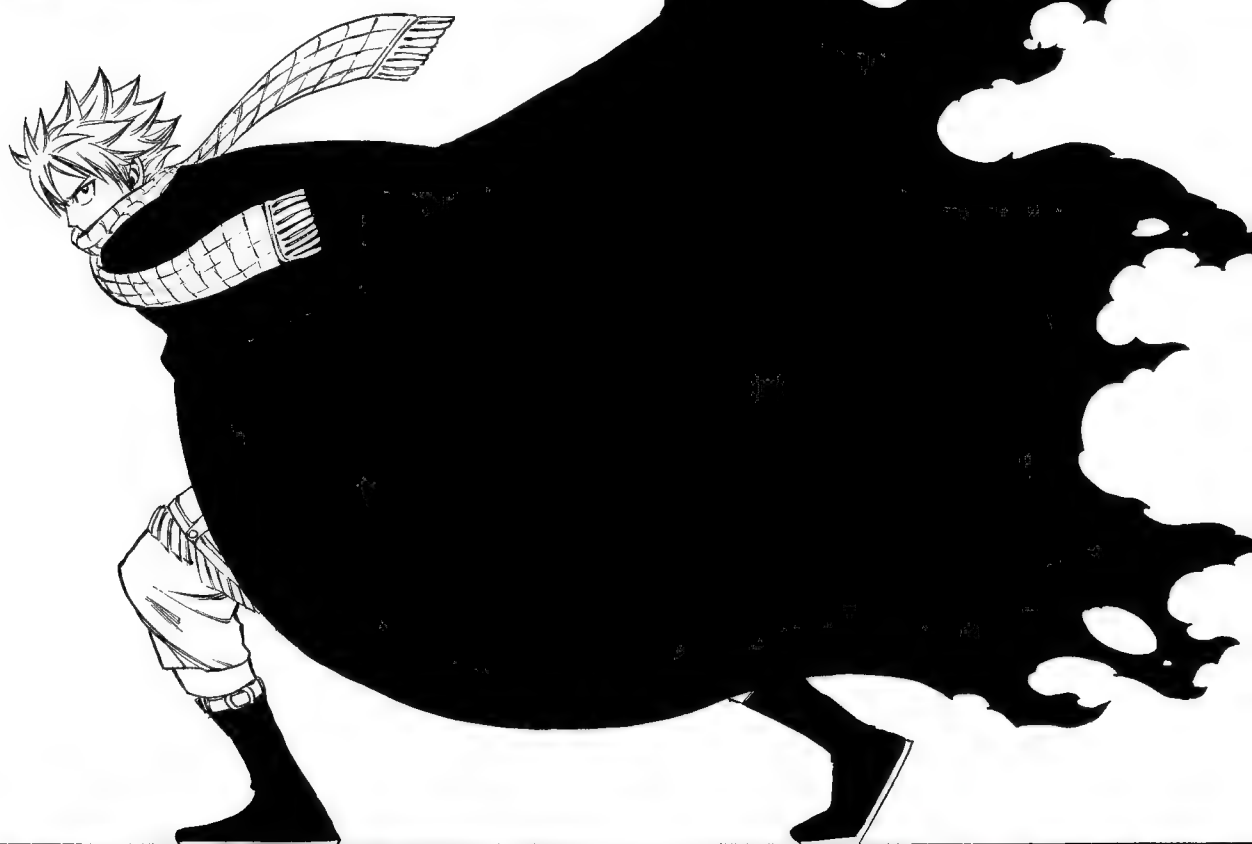


And we won't let anyone get in our way!

This is a desperate fight!

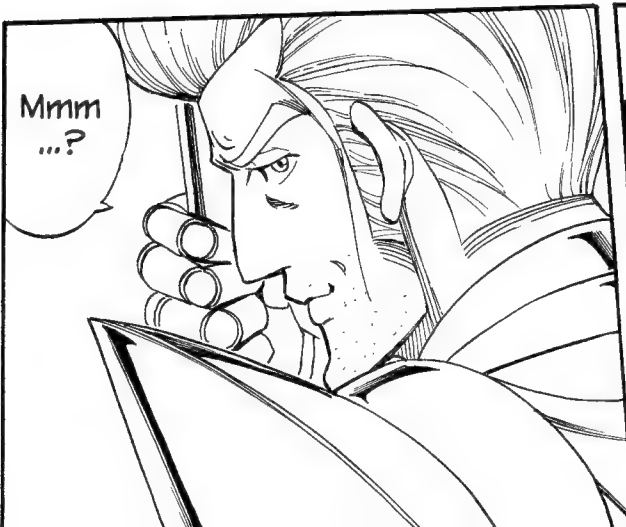
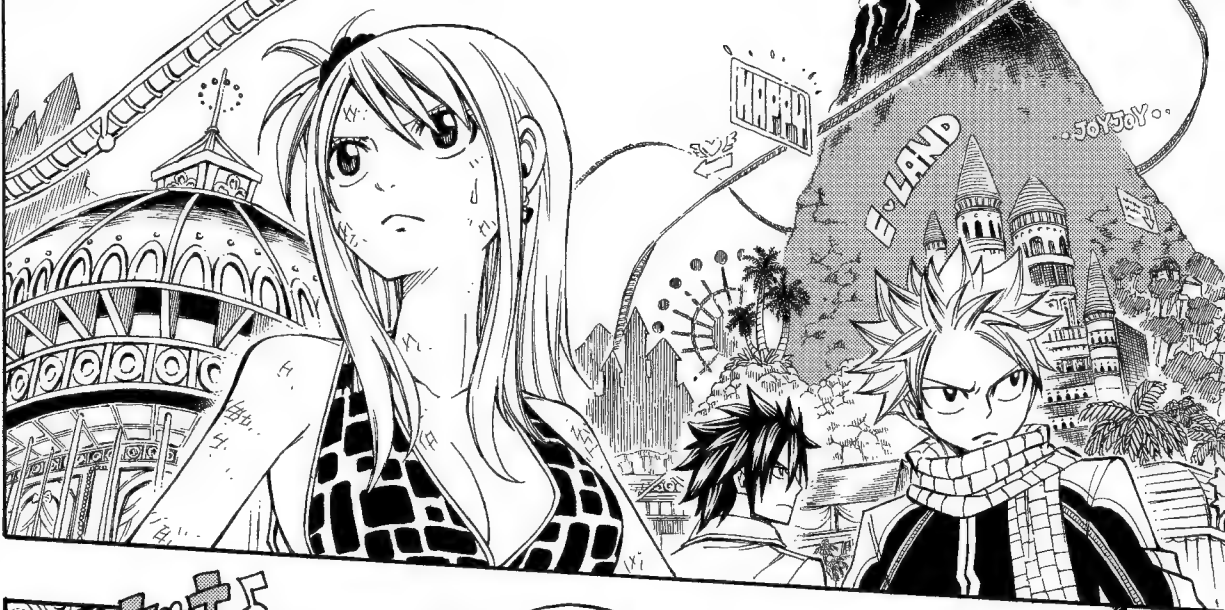
FAIRYTAIL

フェアリーテイル



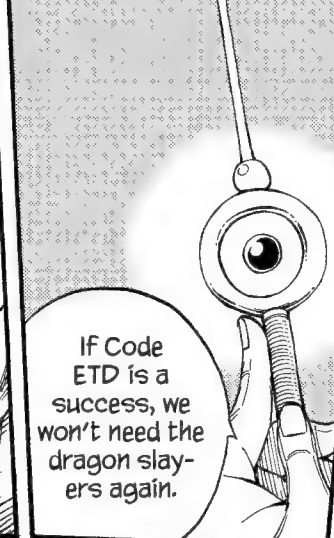
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It's People's Lives, Right?!!!**

HIRO · MASHIMA





These guys
don't know
what magic
is worth, so
I say kill
'em here!



If Code
ETD is a
success, we
won't need the
dragon slay-
ers again.



The
dragon
magic
extrac-
tion is
over.



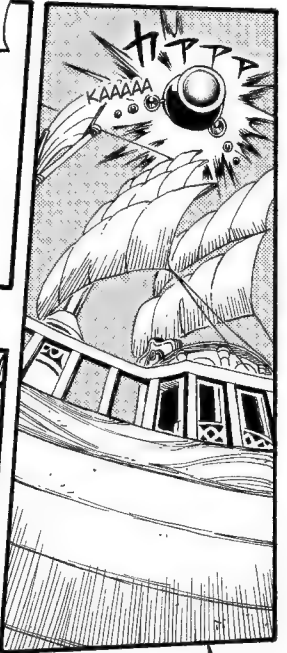
GWAA
A!!



!!!



VWAA
!!!

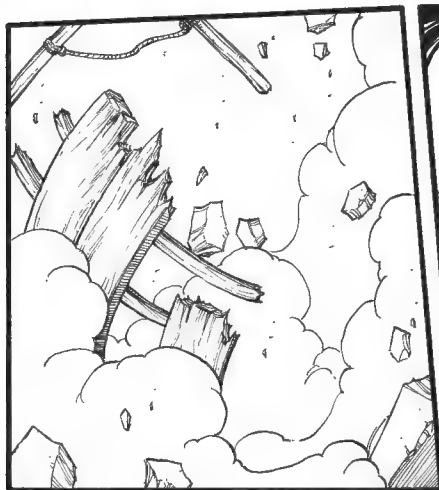


KAAAA
TITTA



NGAAH
!!!

The
boat
!!!!

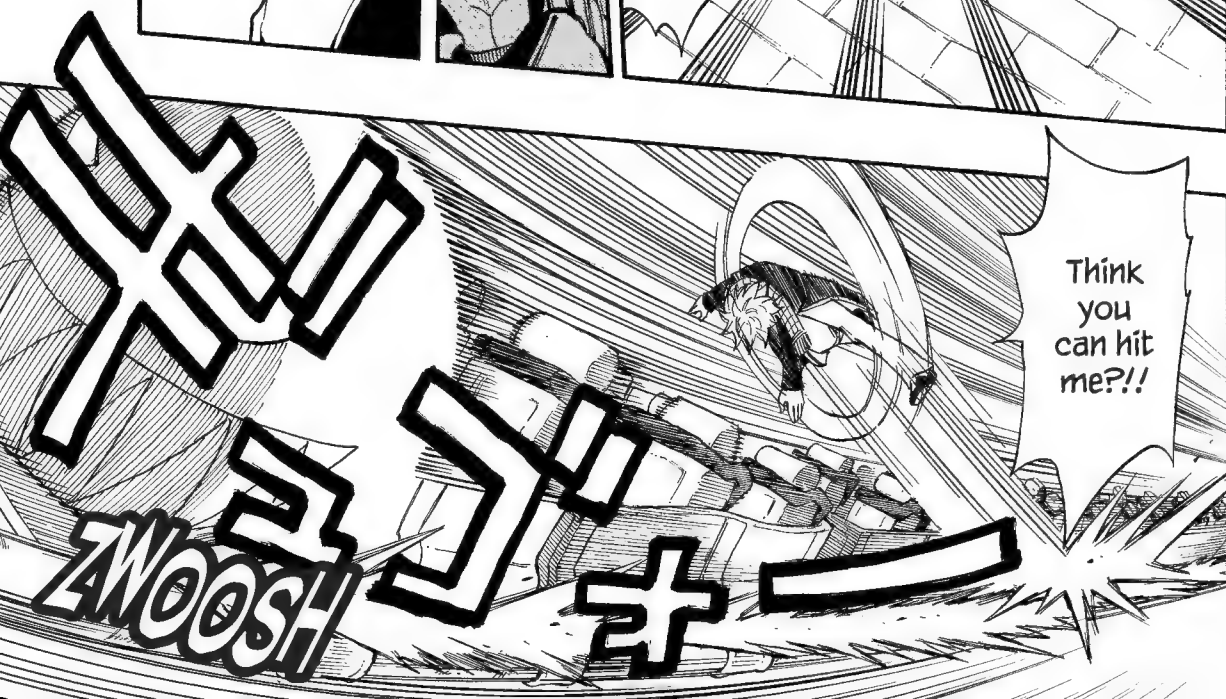
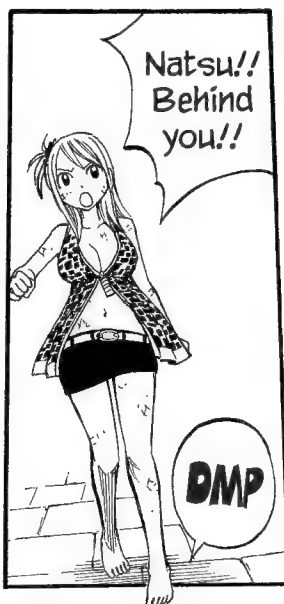






Once we mix those friends of yours with the magic of the Exceed, it'll mean eternal magic power!





A black and white line drawing of a hand holding a key. The key's head is a large circle with a smaller circle inside, resembling an eye. The hand is shown from the side, with fingers gripping the handle. The background is plain white.

I don't know who you are, but you can't last five minutes on that thing.

GOSHING

Using my magic, I can make Hell's Coaster go at ten times its normal speed.

A black and white manga-style illustration. A character is being crushed by a giant foot. The character is screaming "NGAH!" in a speech bubble. The foot is labeled "WHUMP" and "GYMNASIUM". The character is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. The foot is a large, white, cartoonish foot with a single toe. The background shows a city street with a car and a building. The style is typical of manga art, with bold lines and expressive sound effects.



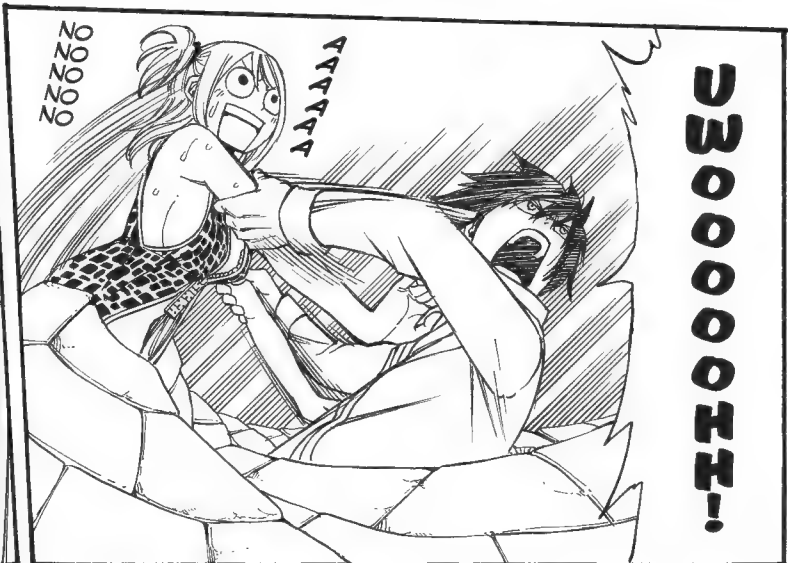
What's with this guy?! He's an amazing push-over!!!

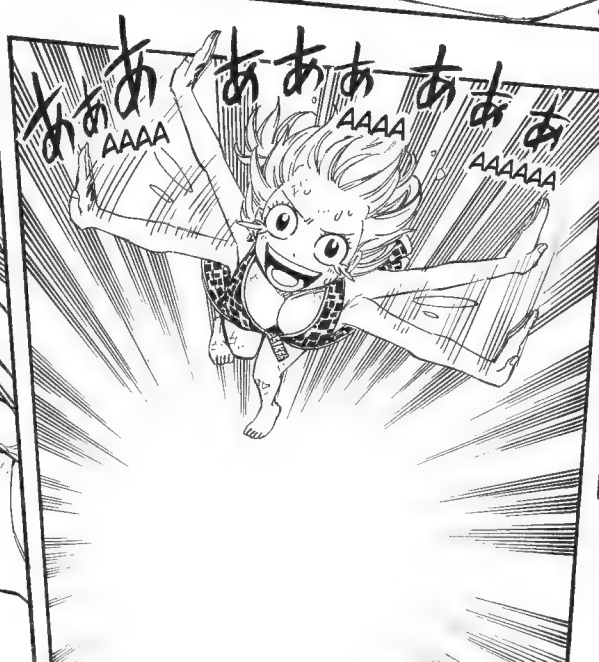
GWEEHH

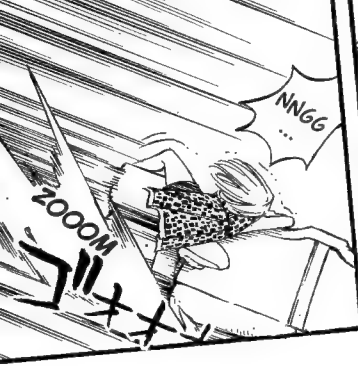
Wait, it hasn't even been ten seconds !!!



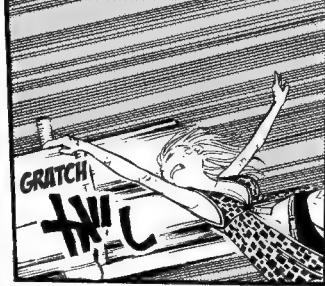
GWEEHH



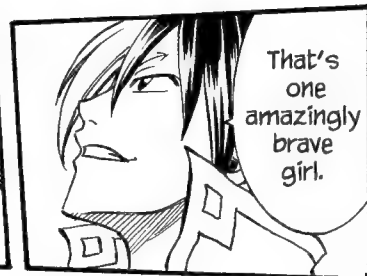




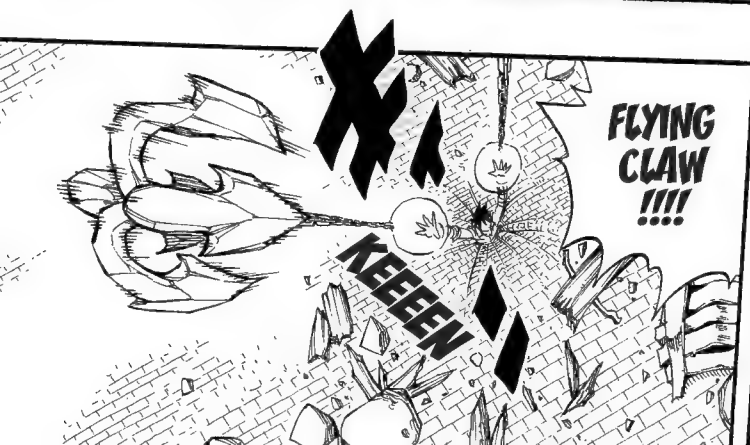
NGG...



Natsu ...



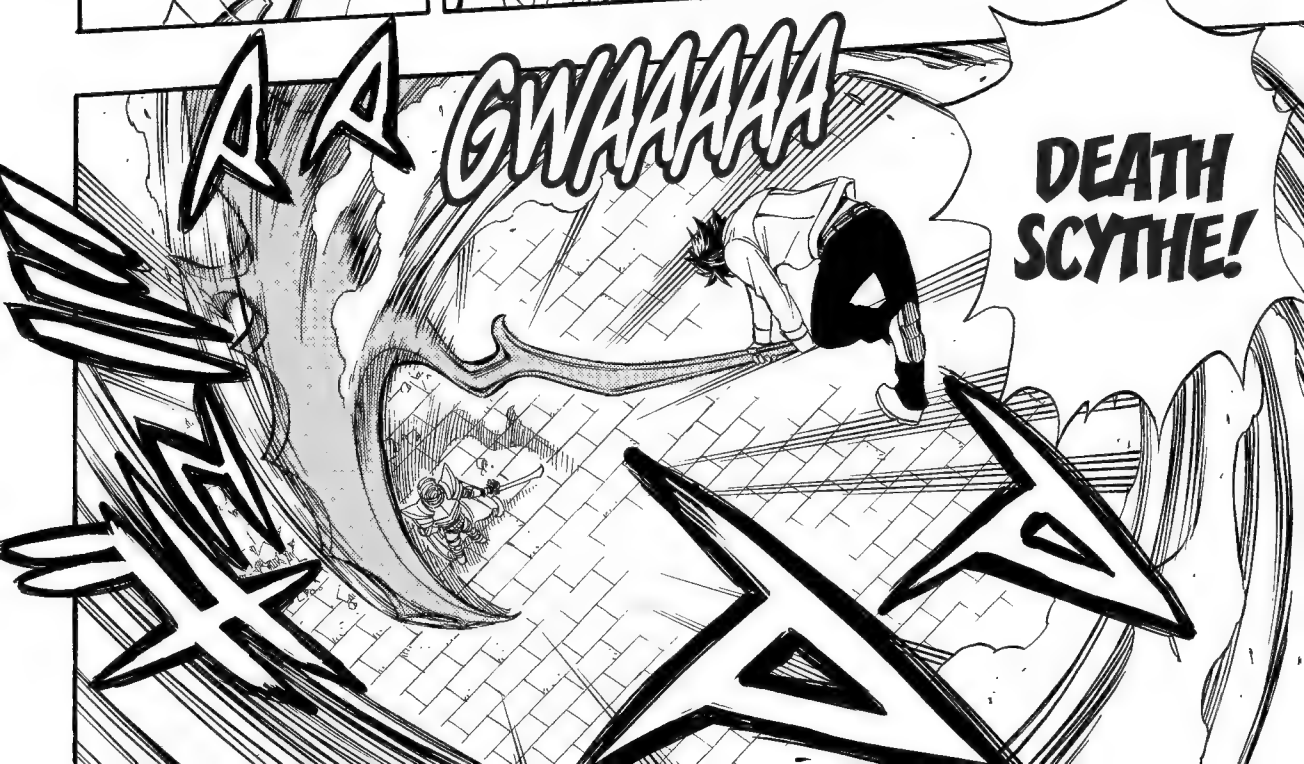
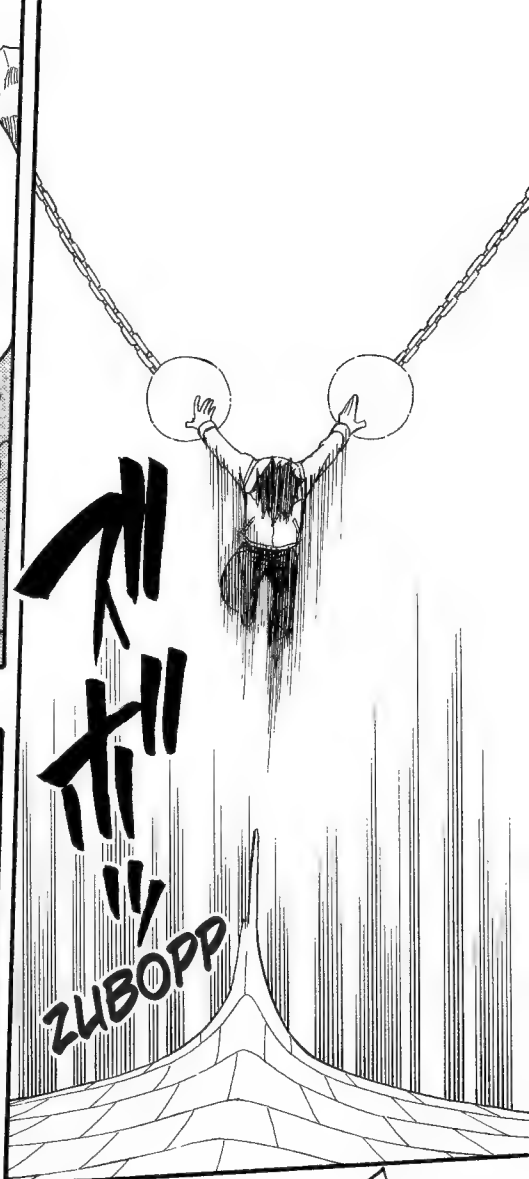
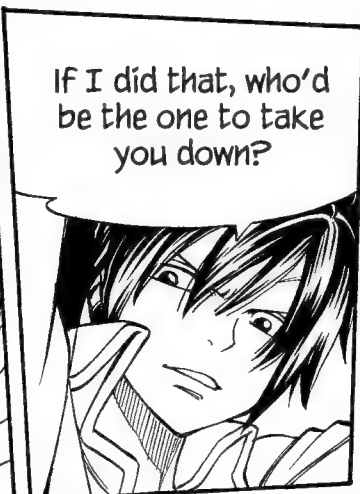
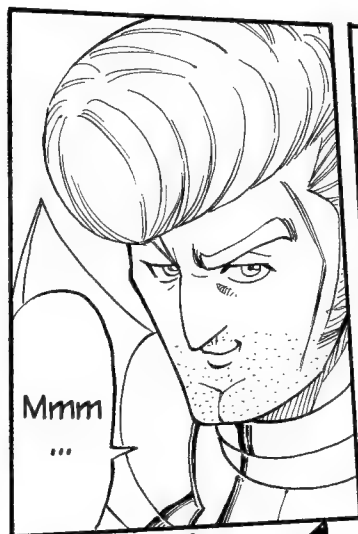
That's one amazingly brave girl.



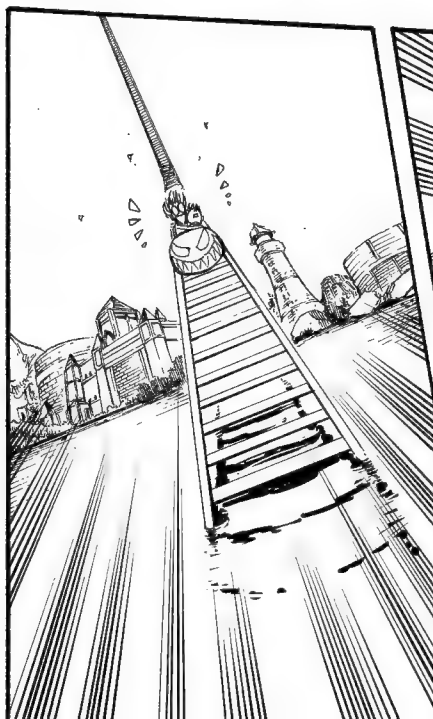
FLYING CLAW !!!!

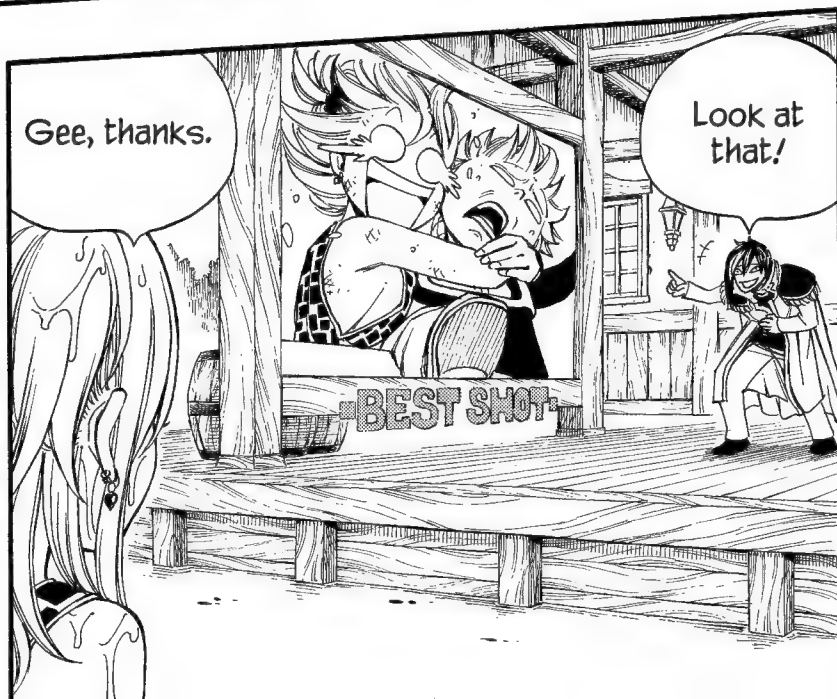


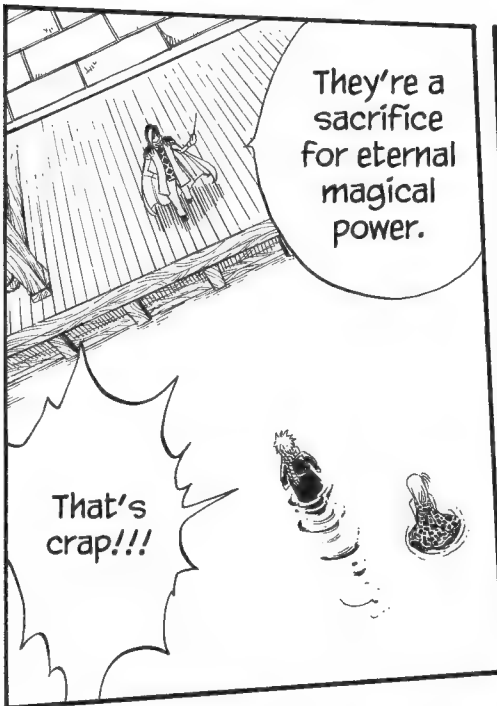
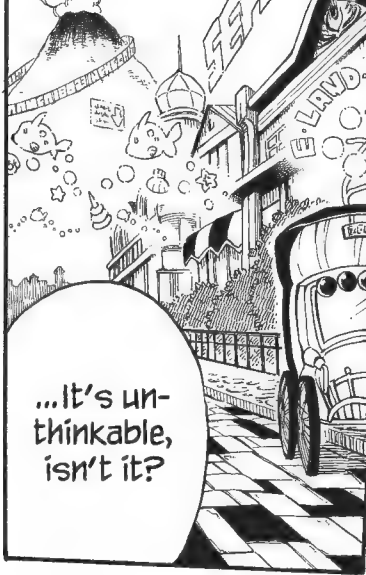
Ice Make...













Who
cares
about
eternal
magic
power
?

It's
people's
lives,
right
?!!!

What's
impor-
tant is
to go
on living
!!



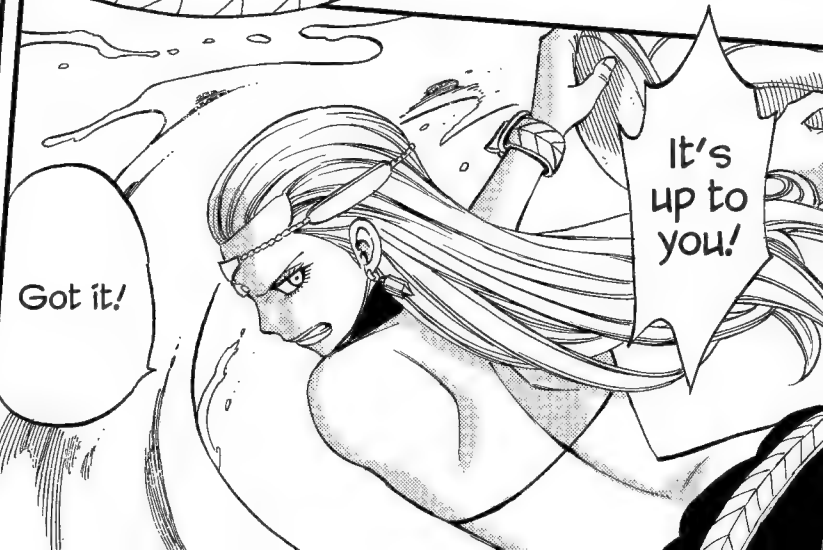
Open!
Gate to
the Water
Bearer
Palace!!

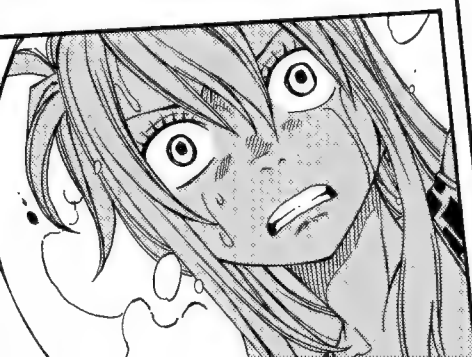
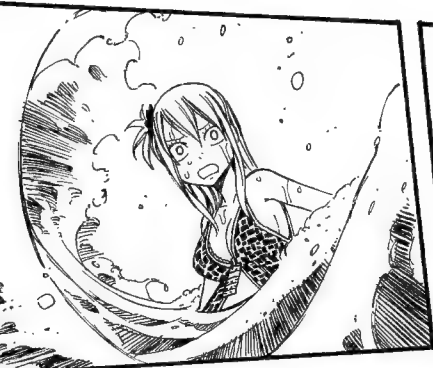


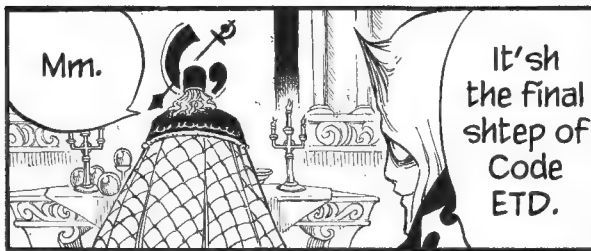
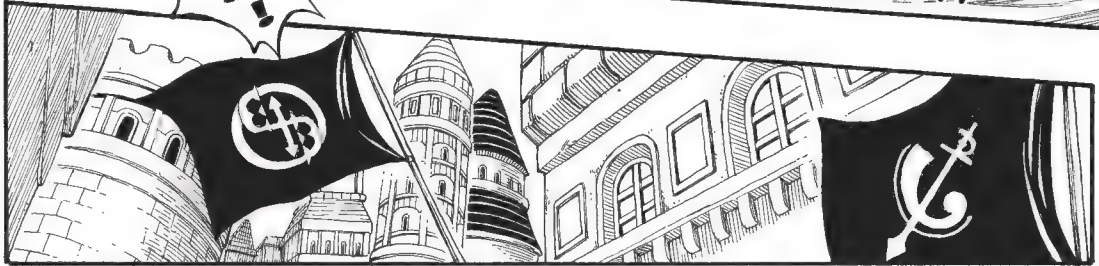
Natsu, get
down!!!



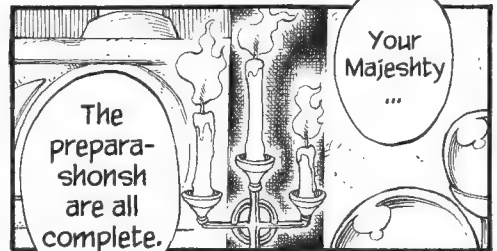
Humph.







It'sh
the final
shtep of
Code
ETD.



The
prepara-
shonsh
are all
complete.



Then
farewell
...

...
to the
gods!

FAIRY TAIL

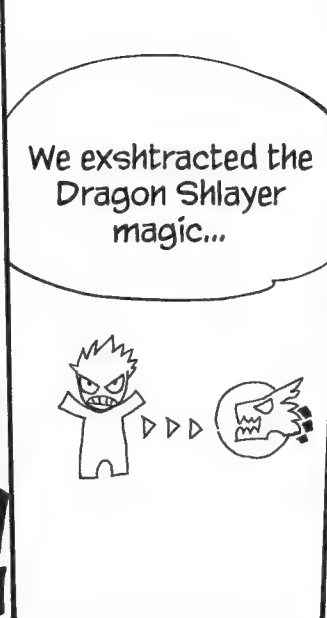
フェアリーテイル

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...and we'll use it like a giant chain to control the movement of the floating island.



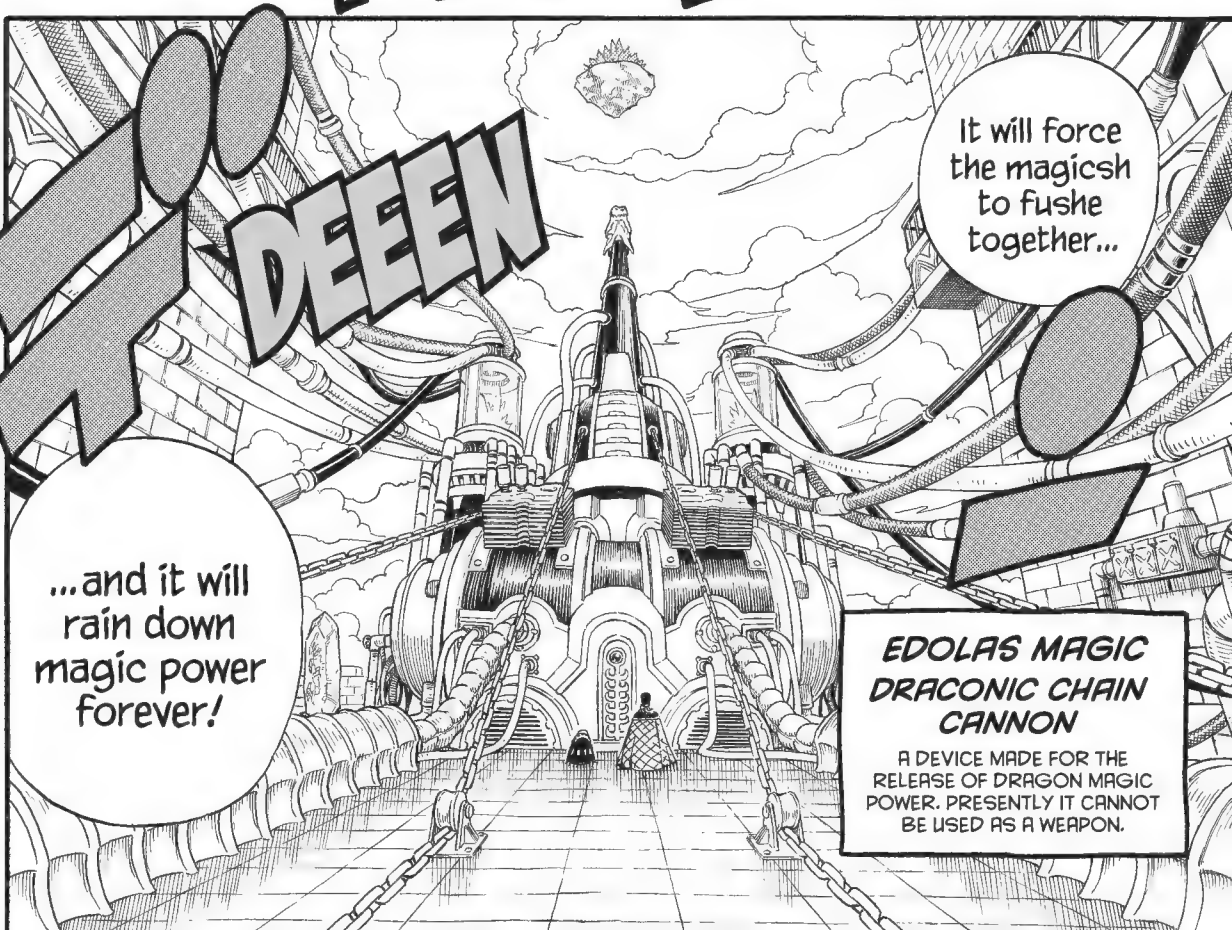
We extracted the Dragon Slayer magic...



...to collide with the cat's country, and it'll be done!



All that's left is to direct the island... or rather, the lacrima...

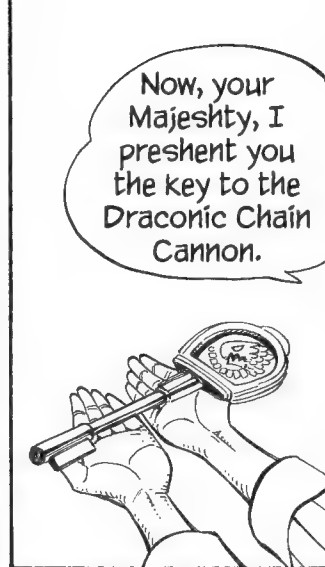


It will force the magic to fuse together...

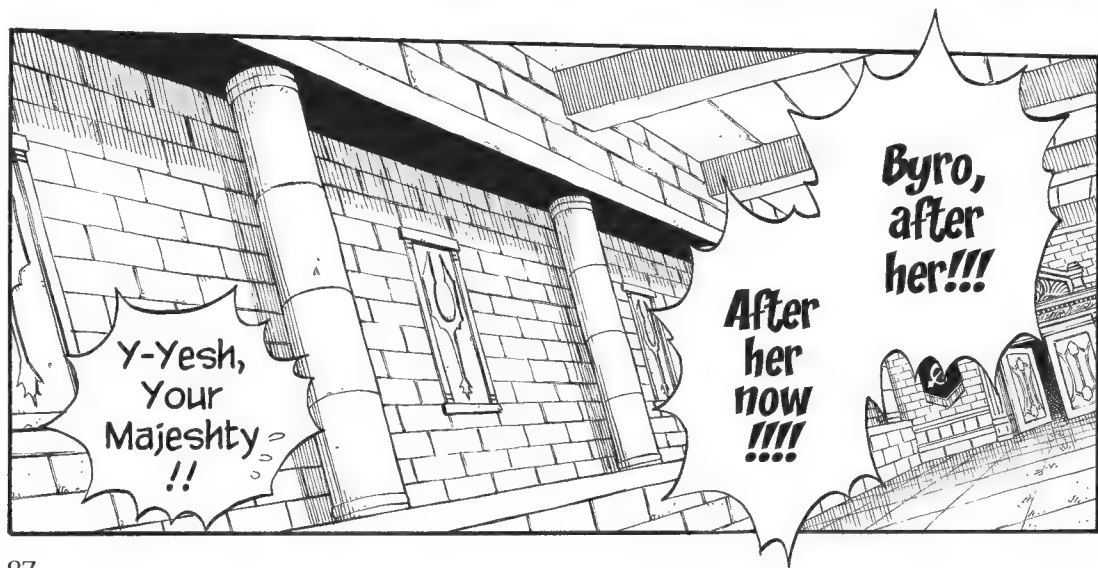
...and it will rain down magic power forever!

EDOLAS MAGIC DRACONIC CHAIN CANNON

A DEVICE MADE FOR THE RELEASE OF DRAGON MAGIC POWER. PRESENTLY IT CANNOT BE USED AS A WEAPON.









SPLT
SPLT

ZLITCH
ZLITCH



I want a
future of
unlimited
magic too!

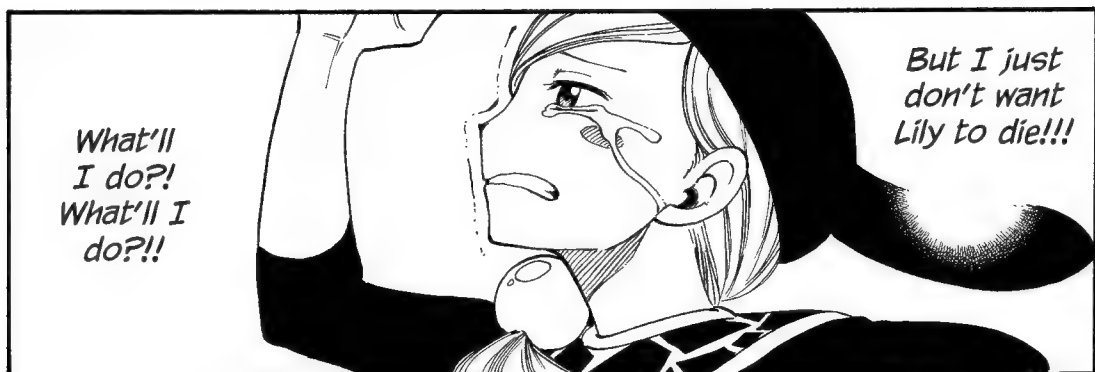


This is the
first time it's
hurt so much
to run!



It
hurts...

It really
hurts...



What'll
I do?!
What'll I
do?!!

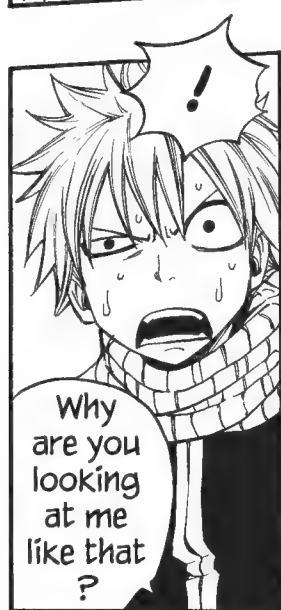
But I just
don't want
Lily to die!!!





Lucy
!!!

Are you
okay?!
Heey!!



Why
are you
looking
at me
like that
?



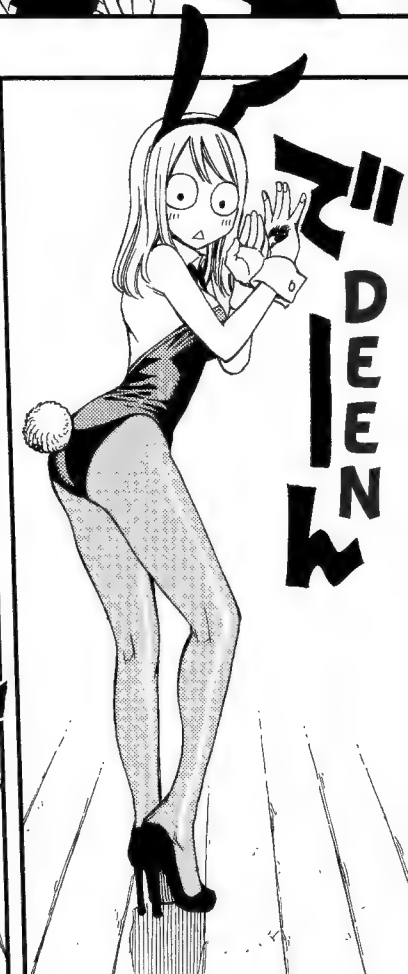
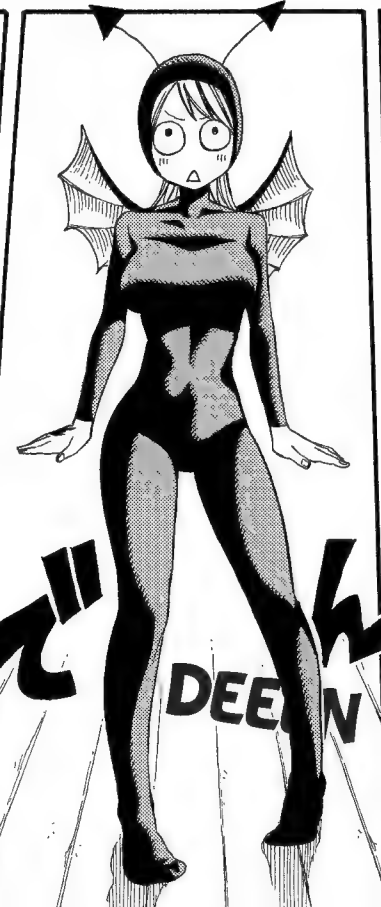
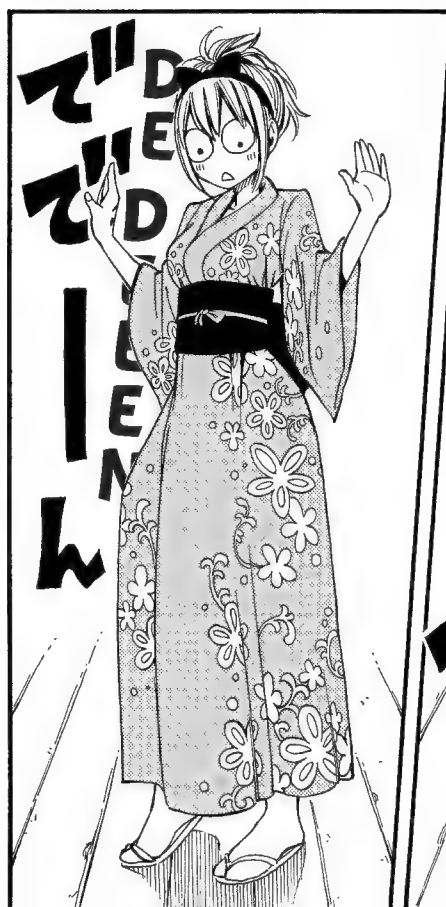
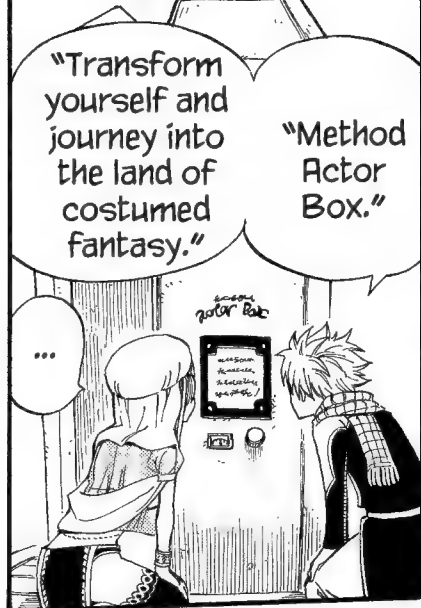
What are
you doing
in there?

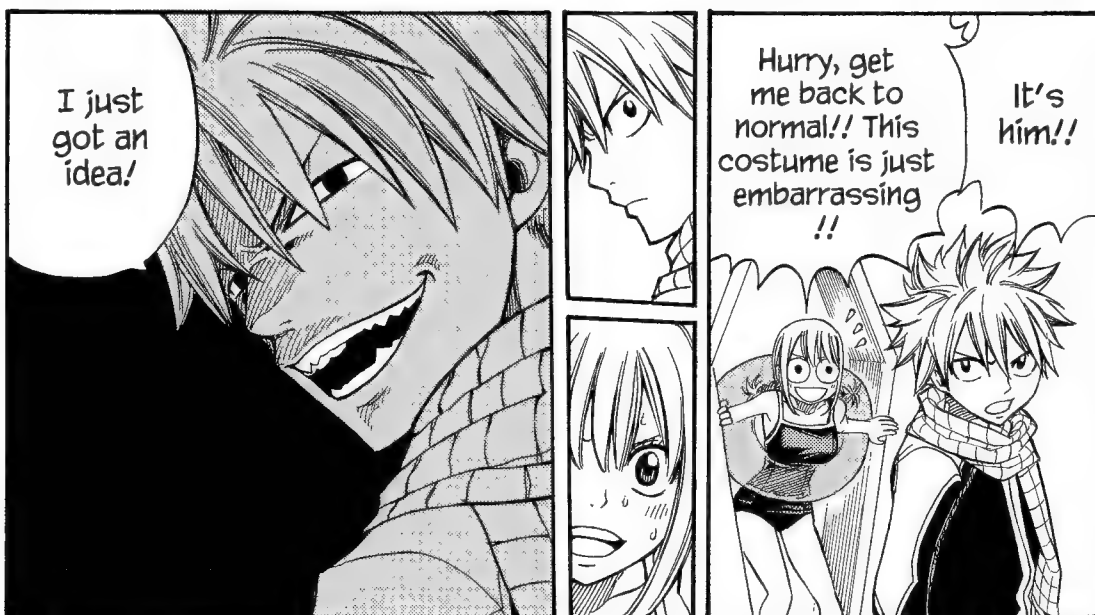
How should I
know?! I was
carried along by
the water and
ended up here!!

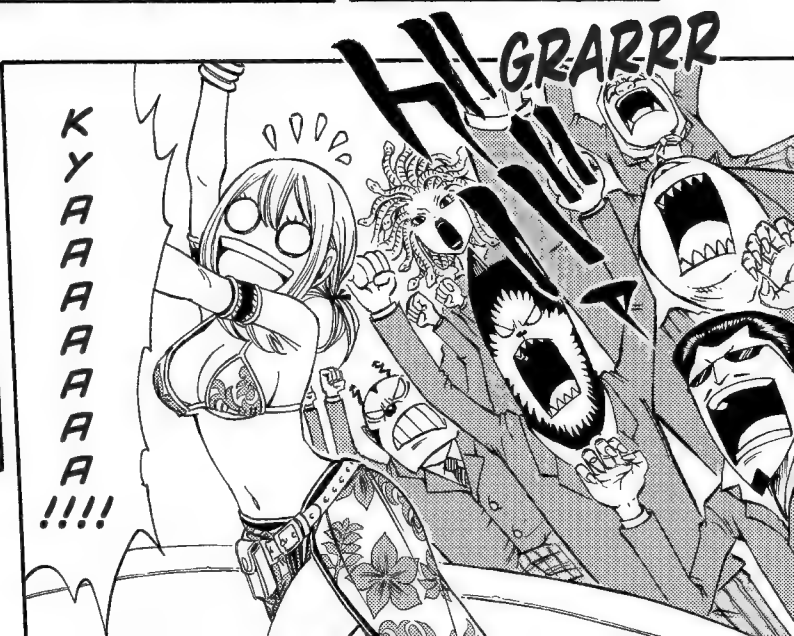
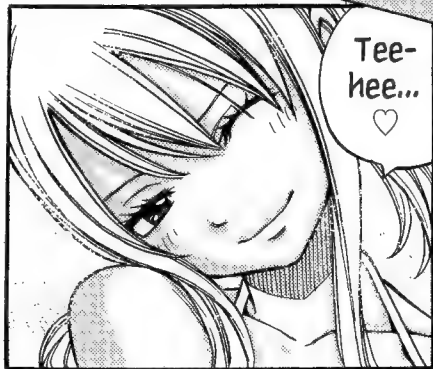
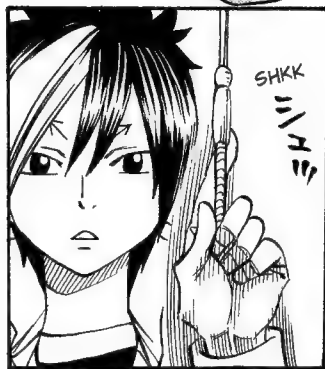


Here!!
I'm
here!!

Let
me
out!











Pretty amazing, right?

In Monster Academy, all the monsters become my very own soldiers!



Grahh
!!!!

GWOOGGH



BOGWOUGH

*Fire Dragon's...

KARYŪ
NO*

...

Fire from his entire body?!!



GEH-
GWAAF



GWAH
!!!!

...
**Kagi-
zume***
!!!!

CAFWOOOOM

*...Claws!!!!



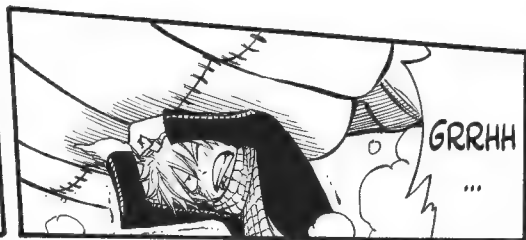
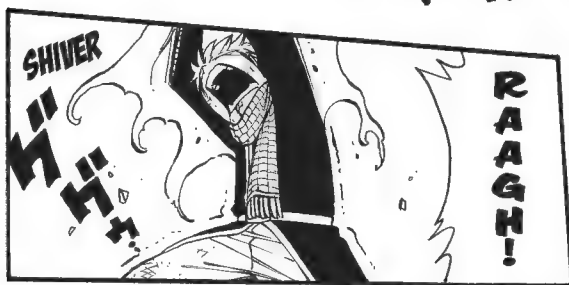
GO

HA-
GUFF
!!

CHANG



**FRANKEN
KNUCKLES
!!!**

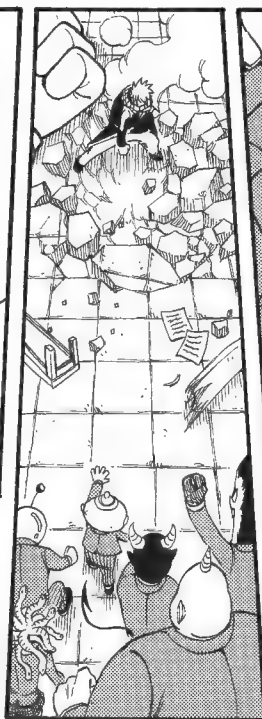


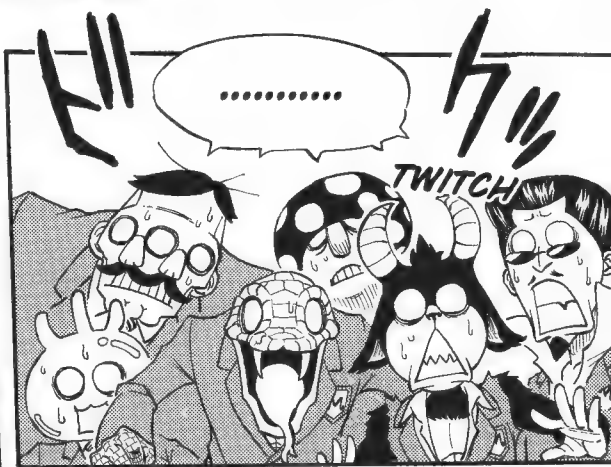


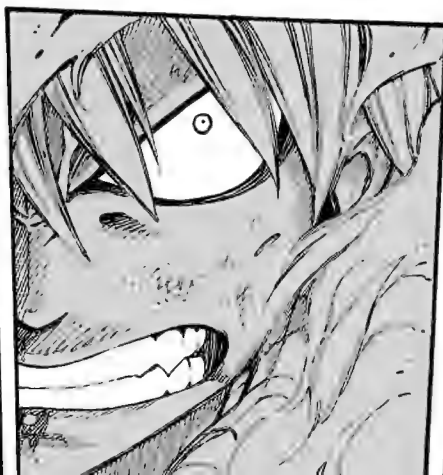
Ka ha ha!
Can you
compete
with all
these
monsters
?!

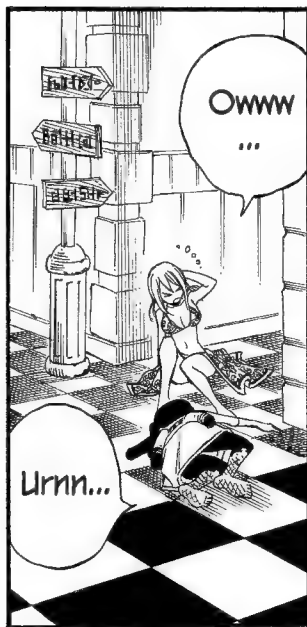
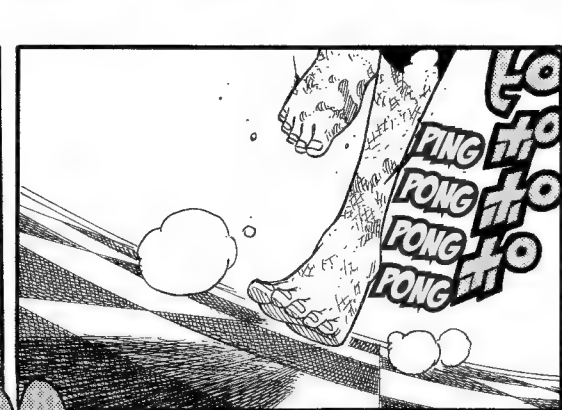
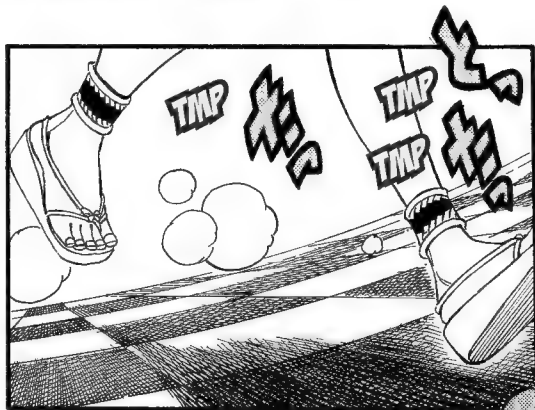


That
hurt
...











Coco!
Shtop
right
there!!

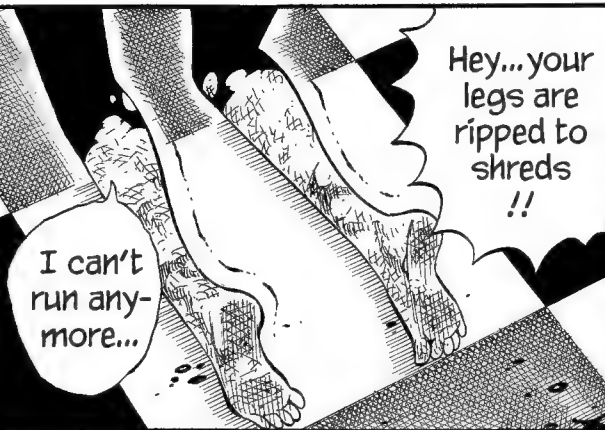


And wait!
Who are
you?!

Huh?!
Where are
the mon-
sters?!



Eh?



I can't
run any-
more...

Hey... your
legs are
ripped to
shreds
!!



Help
me...



I can't give
the key to
her! What'll
I do?!

Oh, yeah!
This is the girl
from Earth-
land!!



Take
this...

SSST

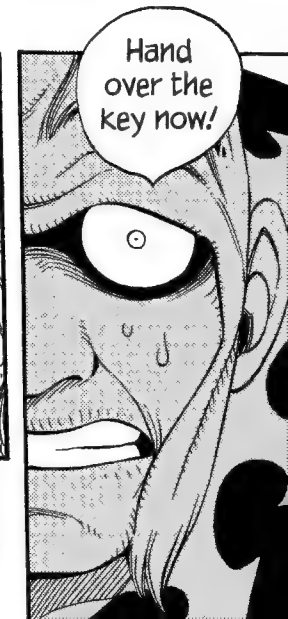


FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

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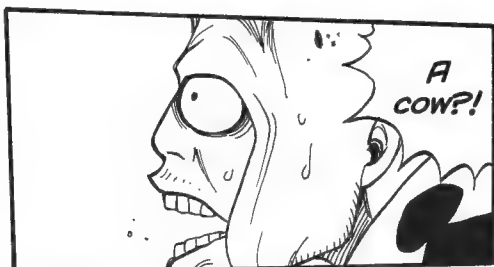




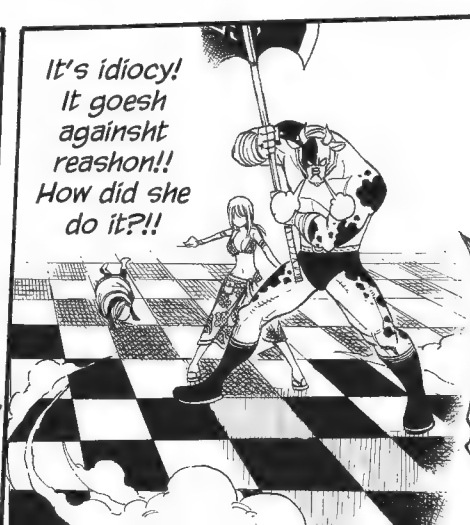
That's
one
perky
cow...



This is
Earth-land
magic?!

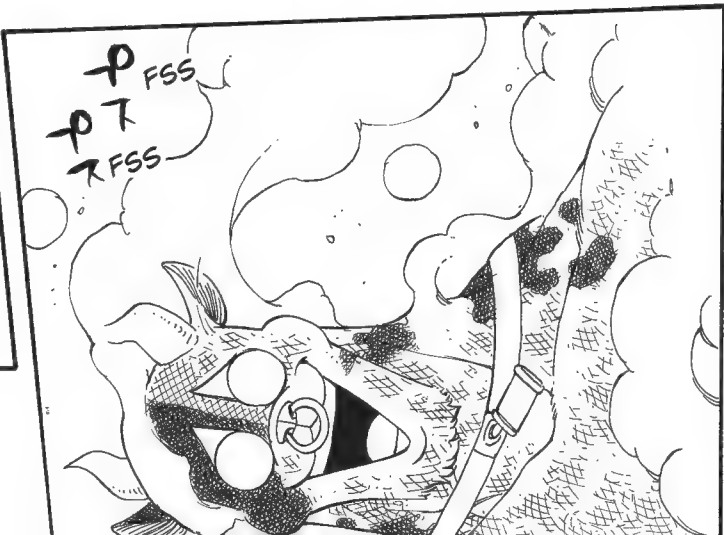
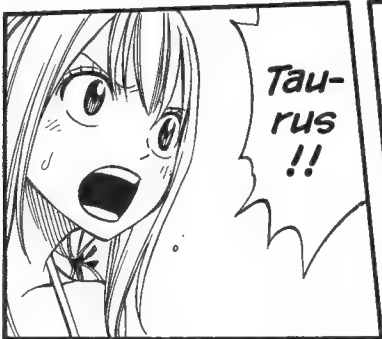


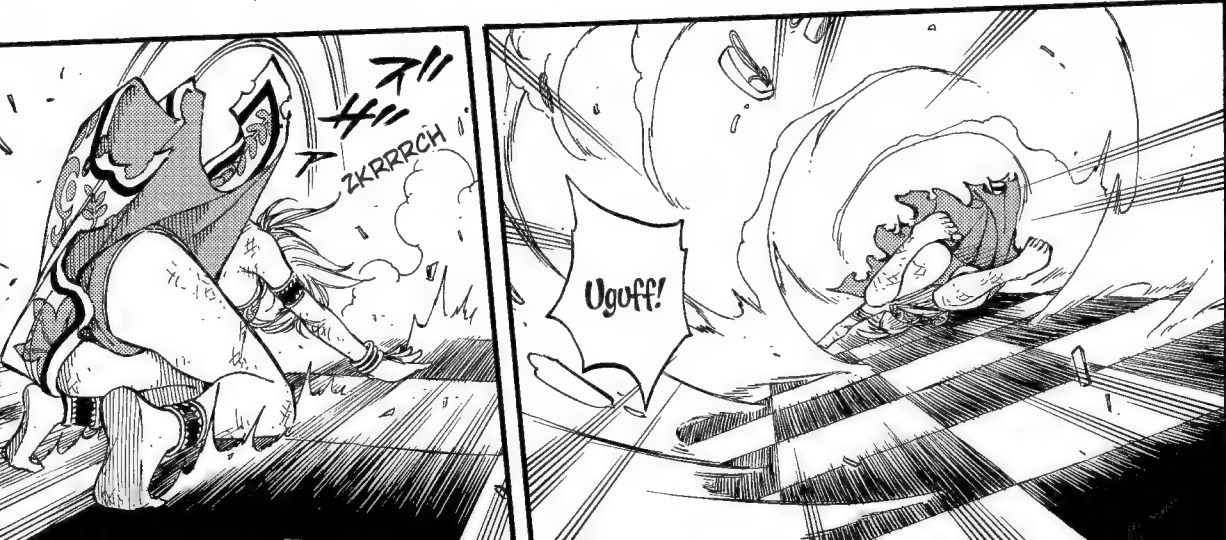
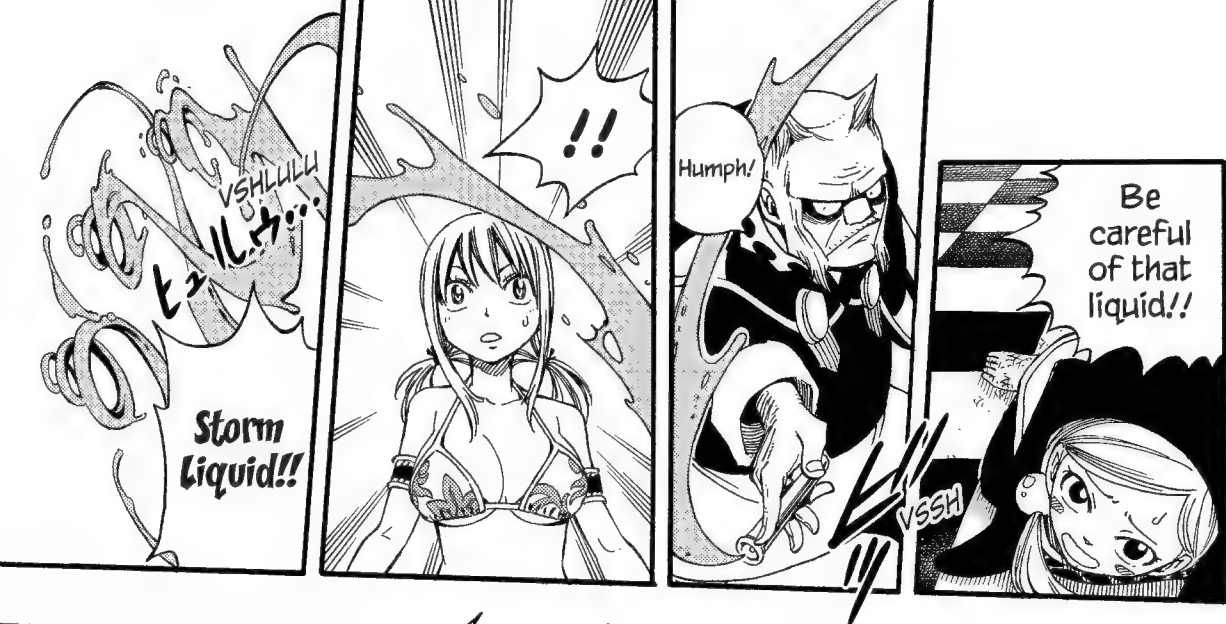
A
cow?!

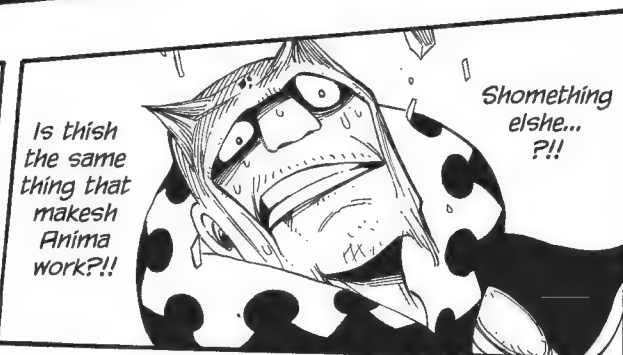


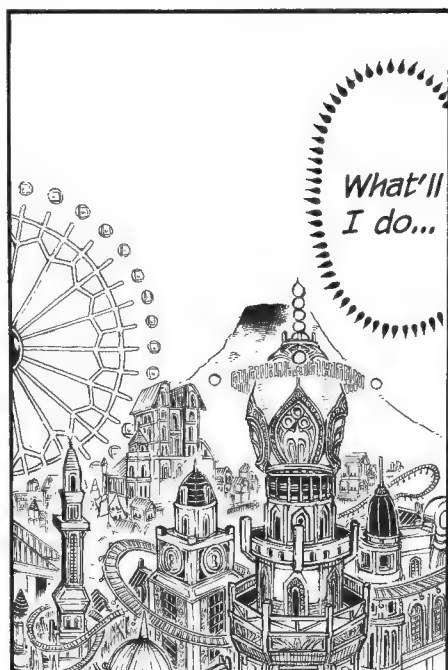
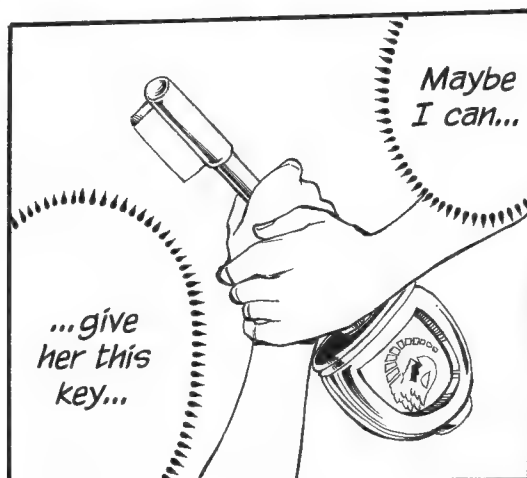
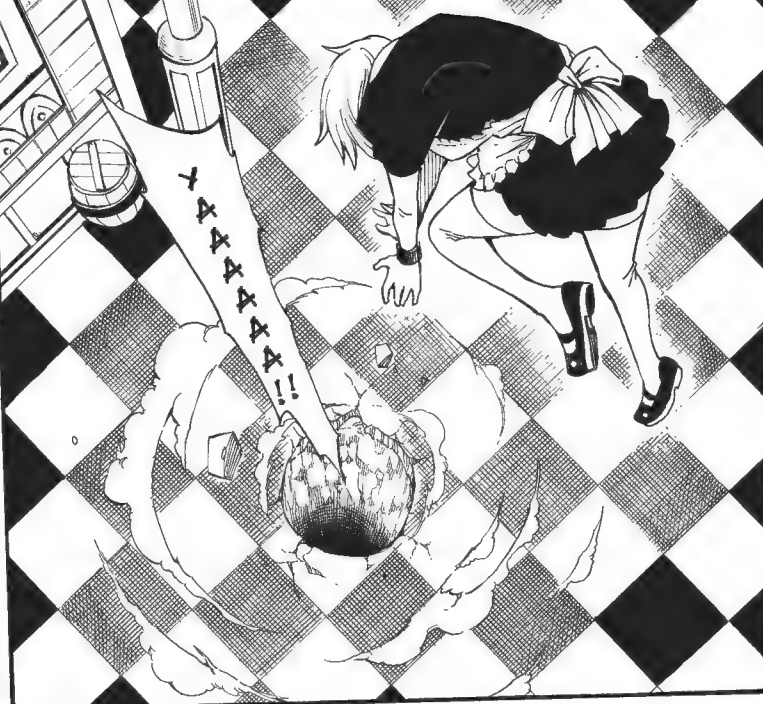
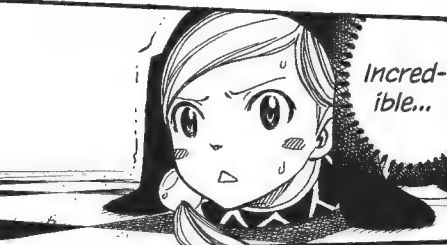
It's idiocy!
It goesh
againsh
reason!!
How did she
do it?!!

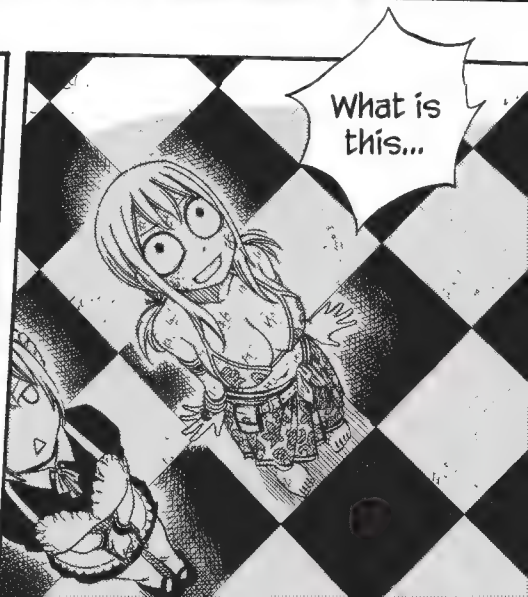
How could
she have done
that?! How
can anyone
shummon
shomething
from
nothing?!



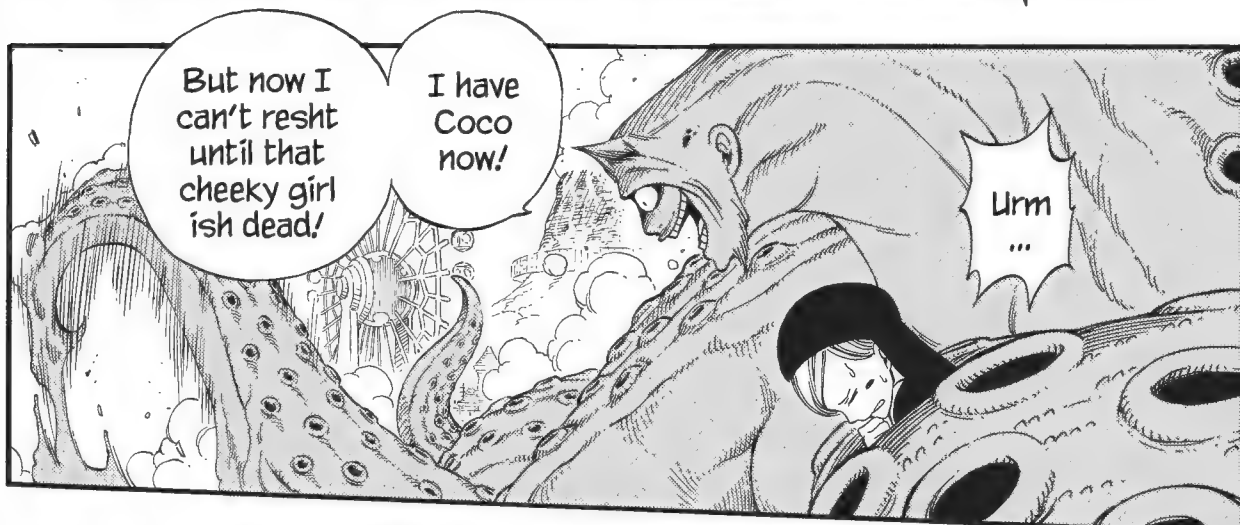


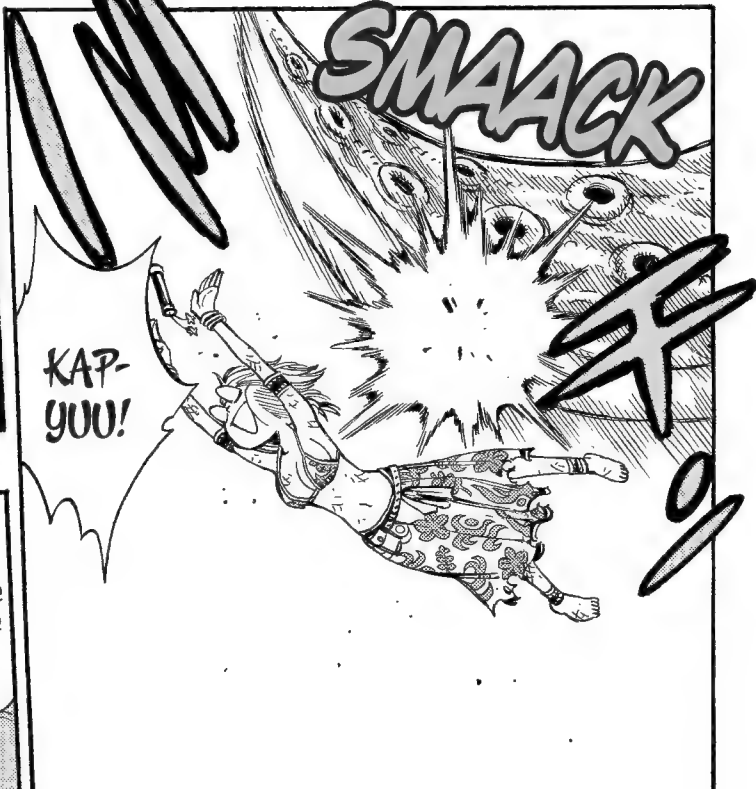
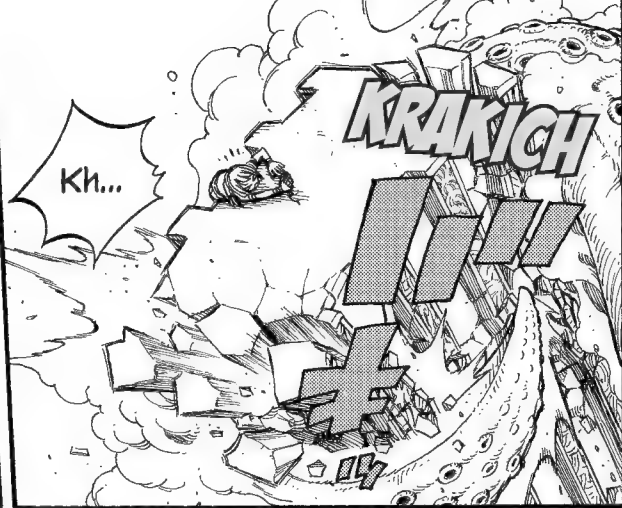


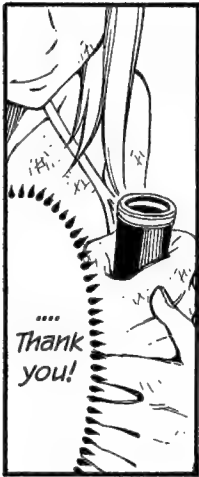












....
Thank
you!

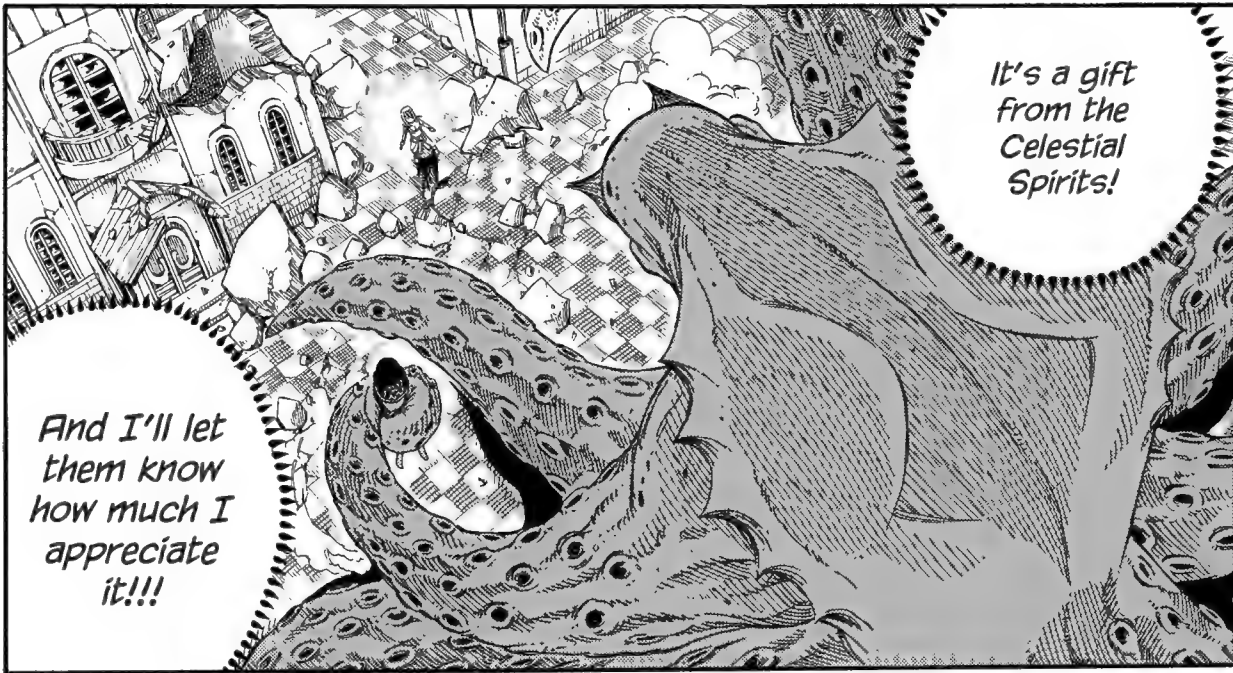


When
I use my
Celestial Magic
a few times in
succession,
my magic
runs out.

I see...
That's why
Virgo gave
me...



Magic
...?!



It's a gift
from the
Celestial
Spirits!

And I'll let
them know
how much I
appreciate
it!!!



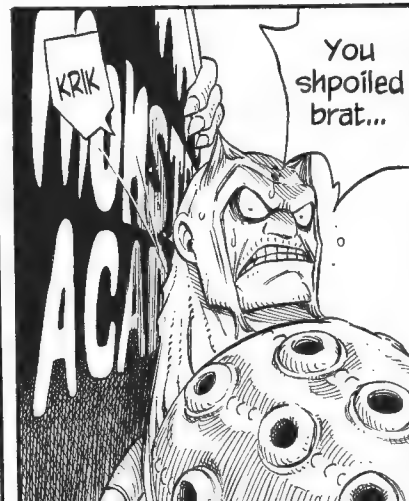
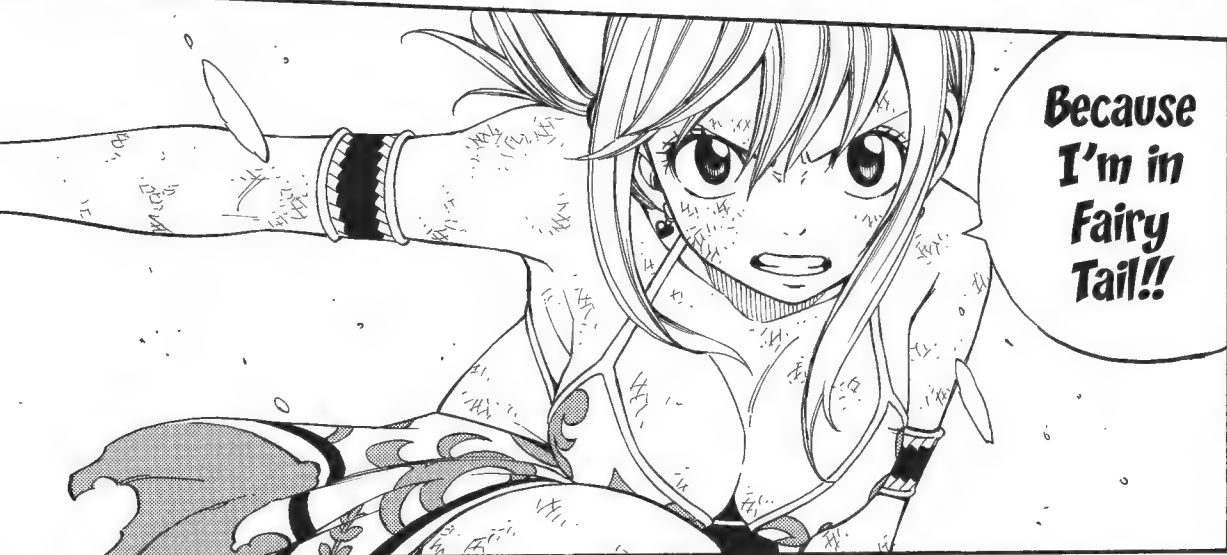
I think
she said it
stretches,
right?



Now be
squished !!!









RAA
AH!!



WROOOAAAH!!

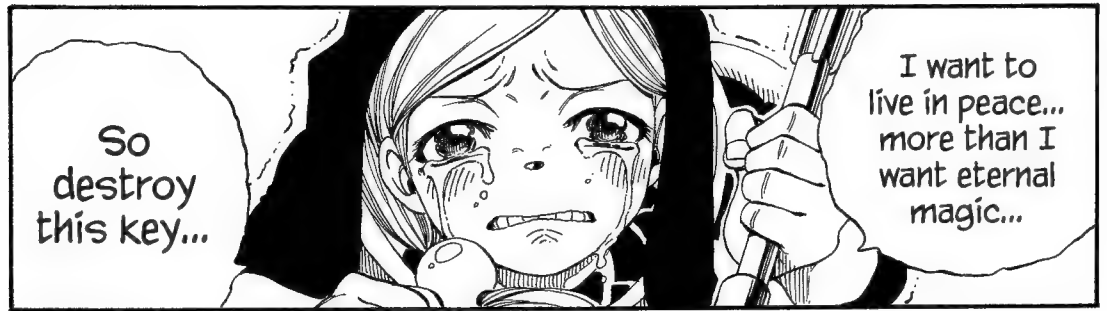
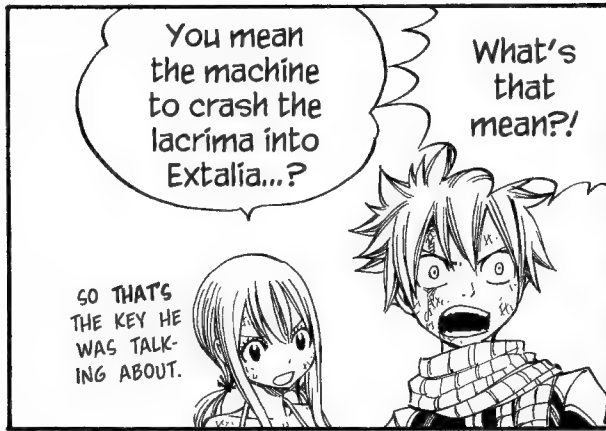


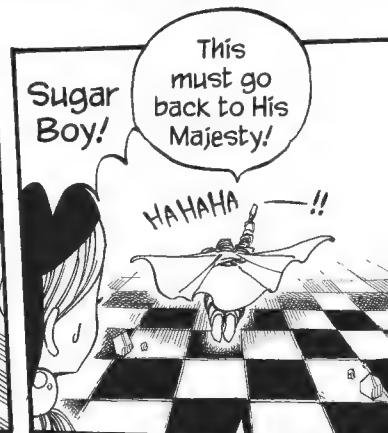
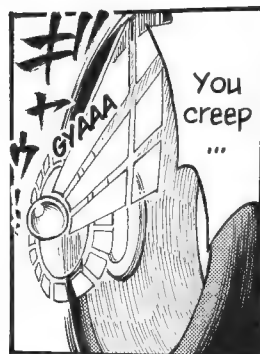
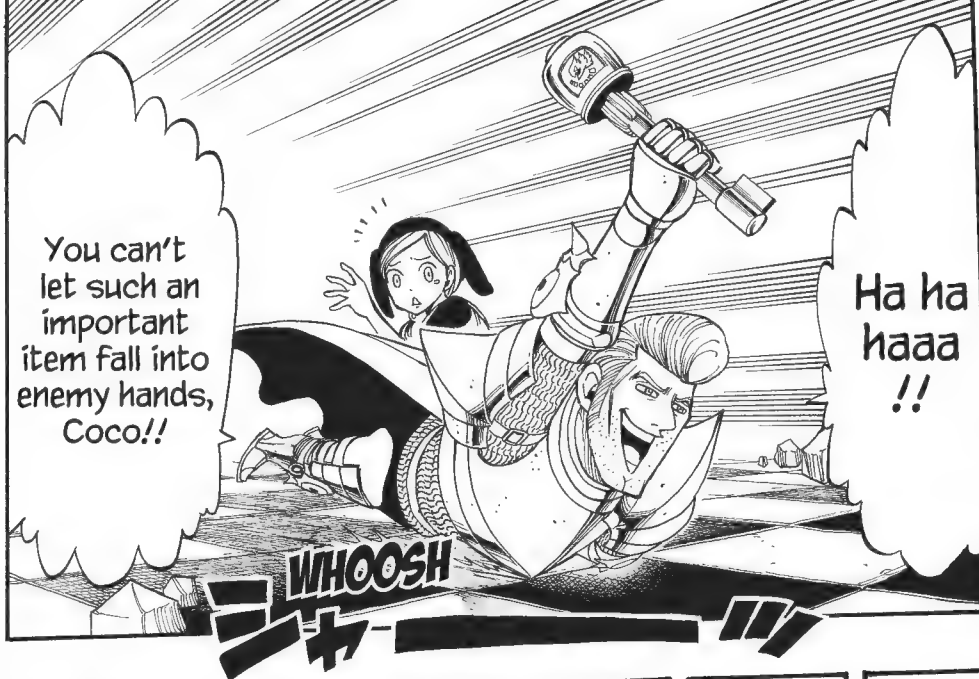
Natsu
!!



KA-
BOOM!





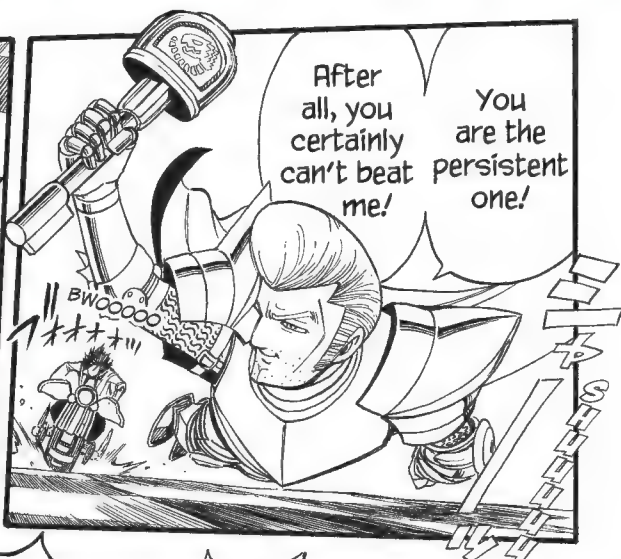
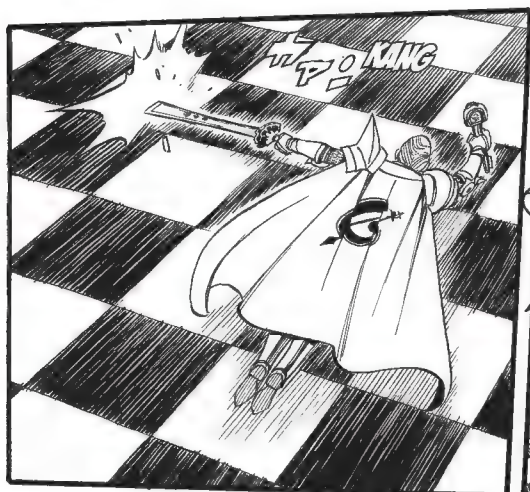
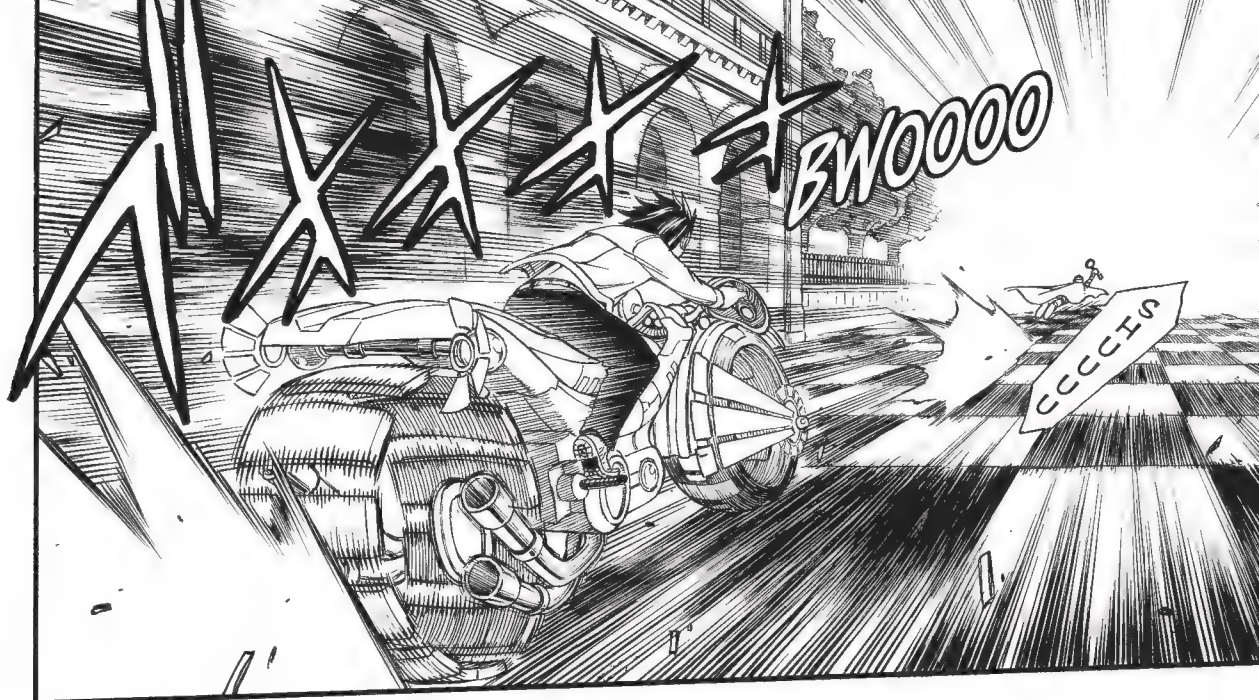


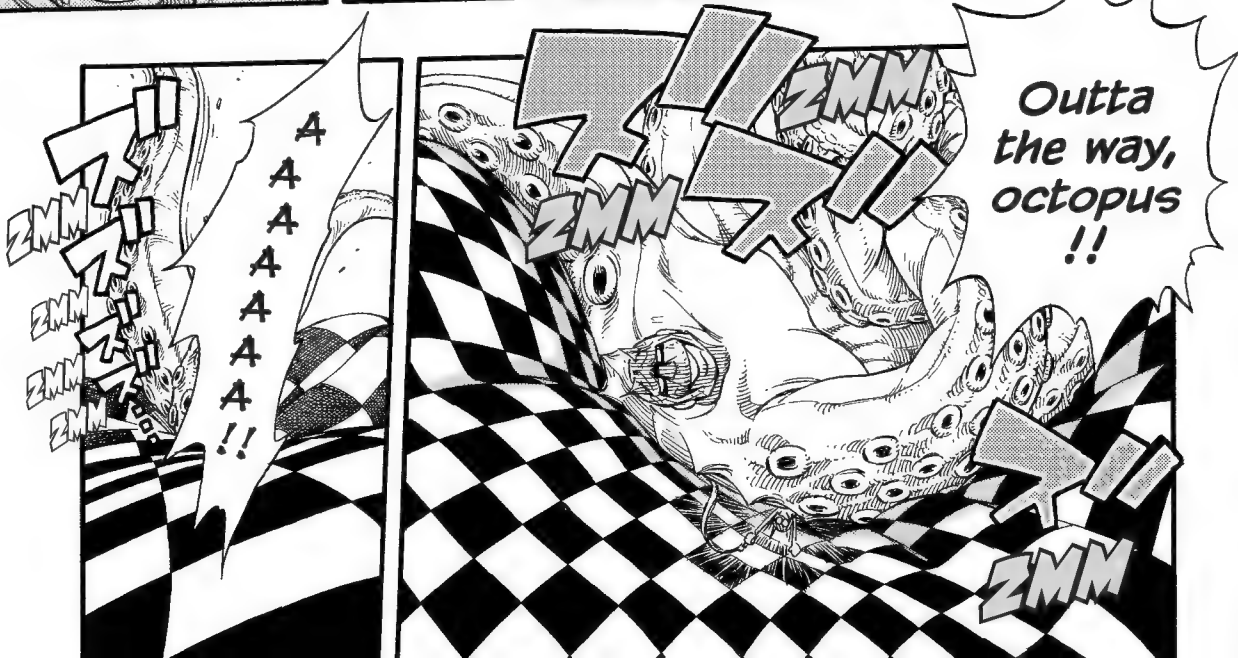
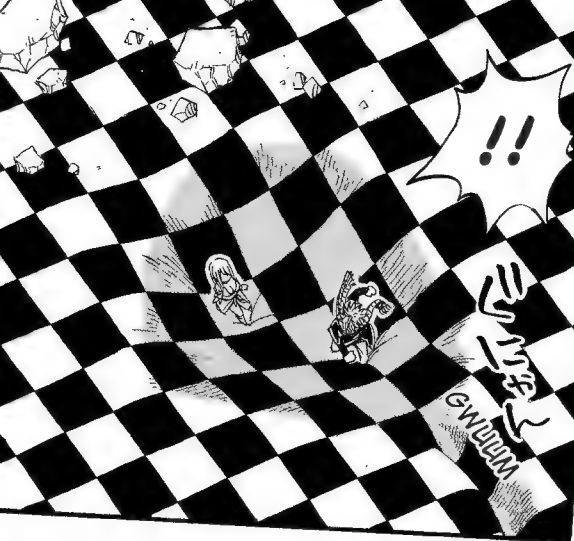
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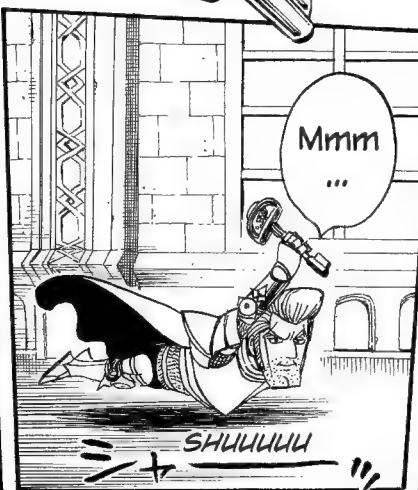
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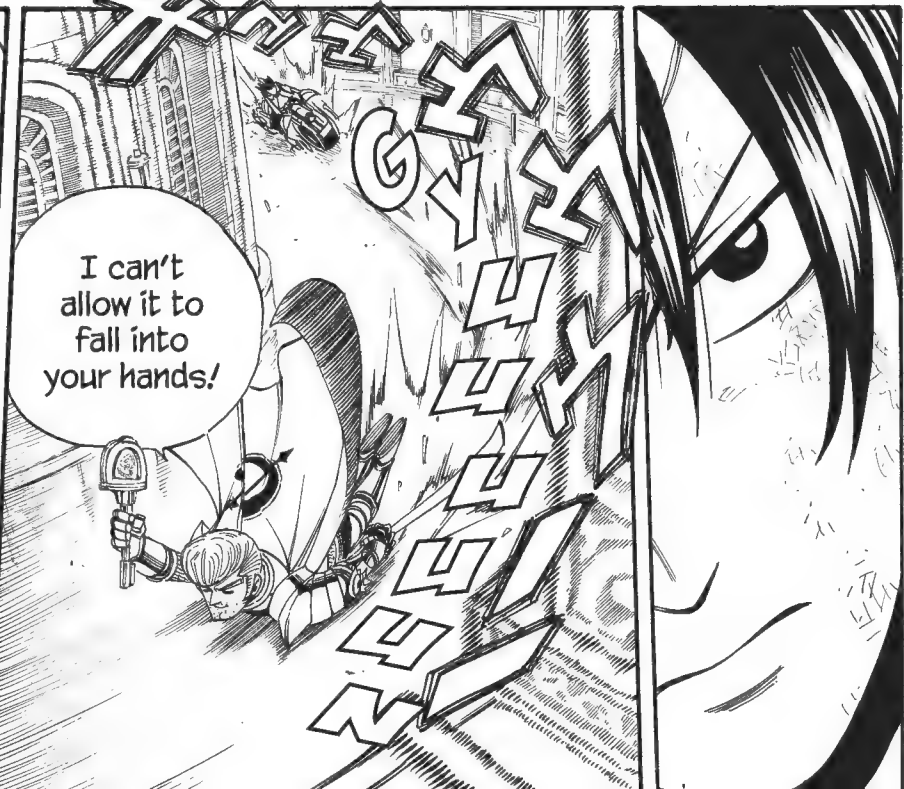
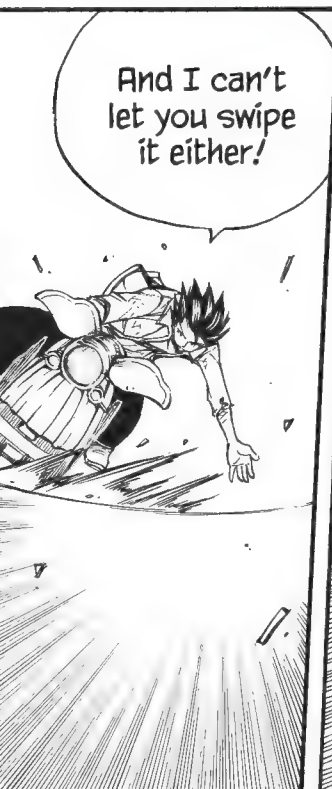
Chapter 185, Ice Boy

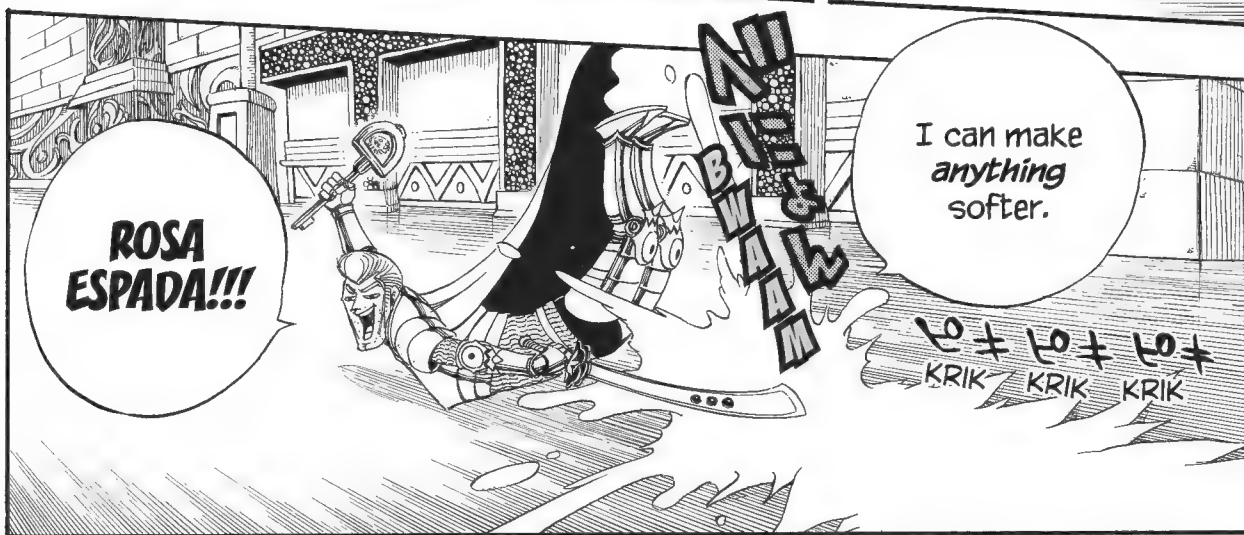


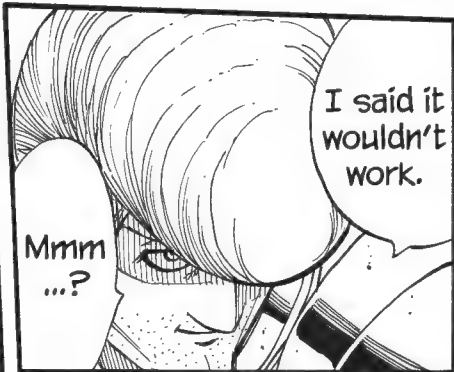
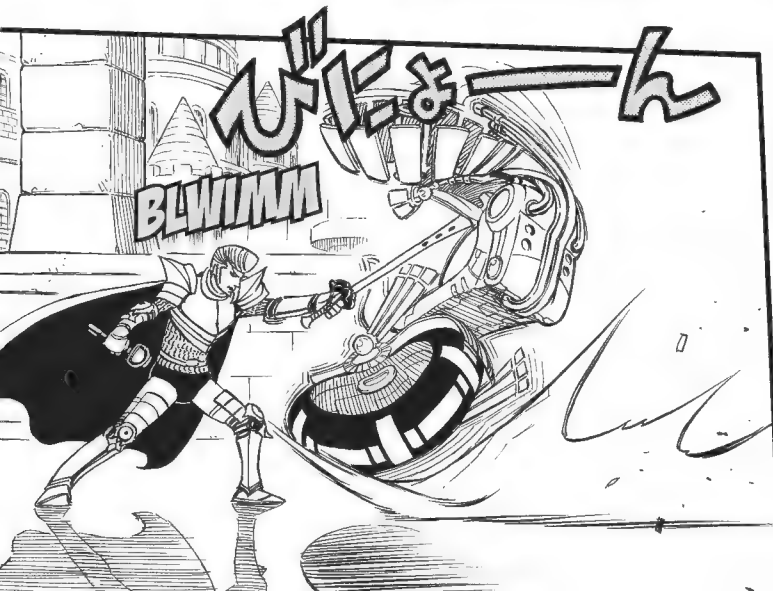
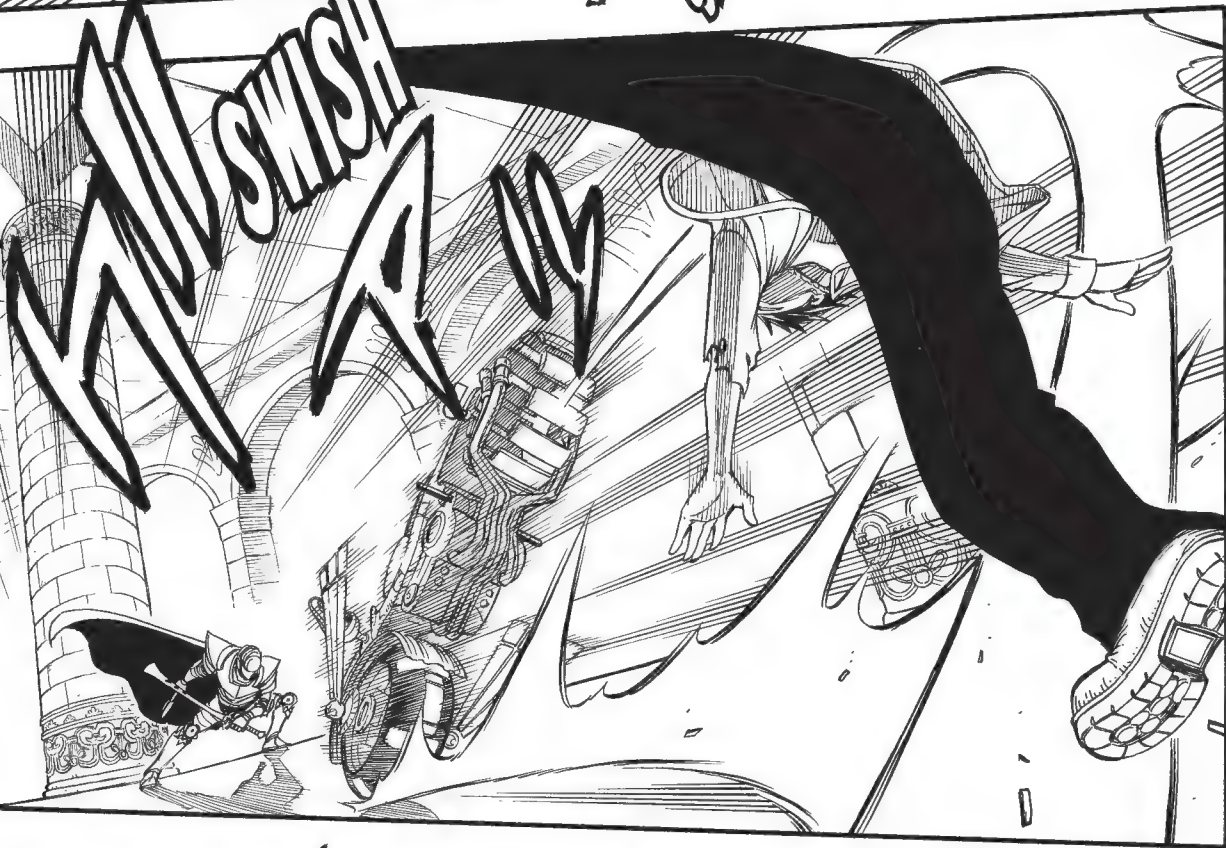


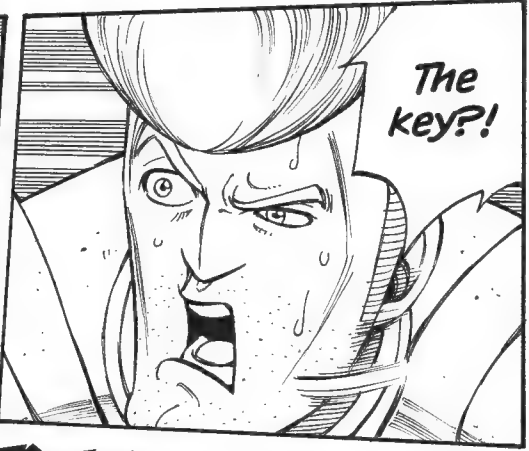
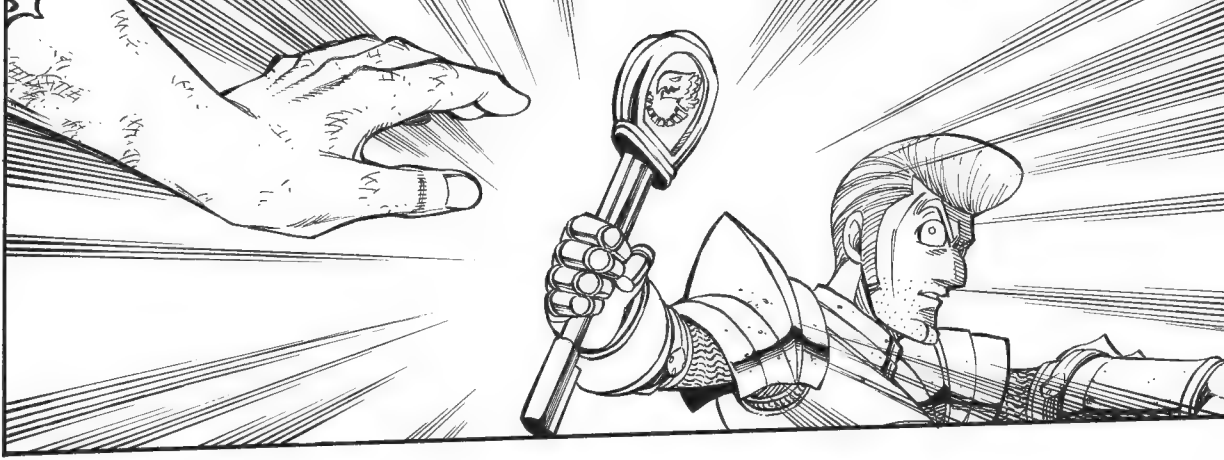


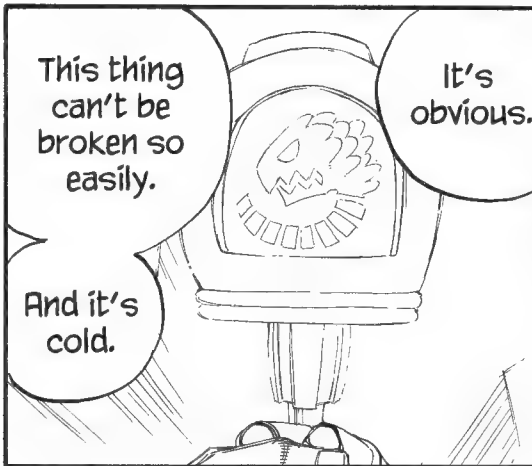














Are you sure you want this? Just a little mistake here will make the key itself go soft.

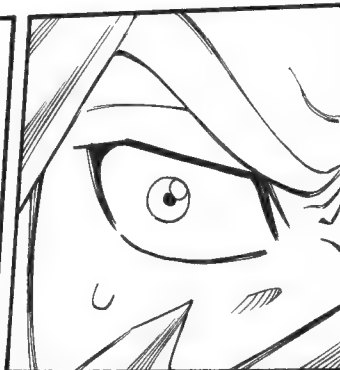


It's useless. My Rosa Espada will make hard ice soft.



What are you talking about?!

I'm... I'm quite finely tuned!



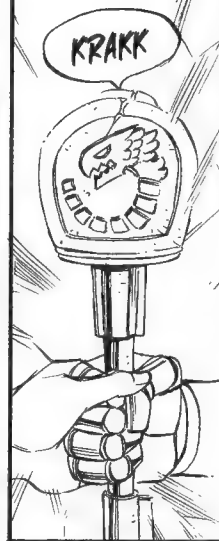


All right!
Now I'm
really gonna
break it!!

You
idiot! You
cracked
the key!!



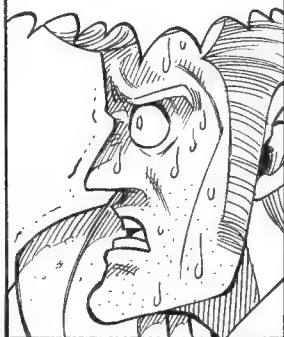
whaa
-?!



So I'm
going to
smash this
thing to
pieces!!

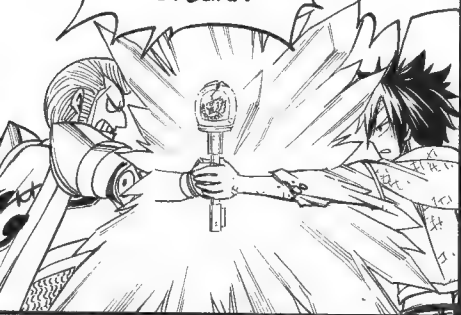
My
friends'
lives are
riding on
this!!

This is bad!
Really bad!!
Stop!! You'll
break the key!!



Listen,
let's just call a
quick truce! The
key's about to
break!!

What
did you
say?!



You
people will
need this
key too!!

CHIKK CHIKK

W-Wait!
This is
really,
really
bad!!





**What
are you
sayin?!**



**You're
bluff-
ing!**



**W-With this
key, you can
turn your
friends
back to
normal!**



**I used dragon
slayer magic
to break apart
the lacrima and
you two popped
back to
normal.**

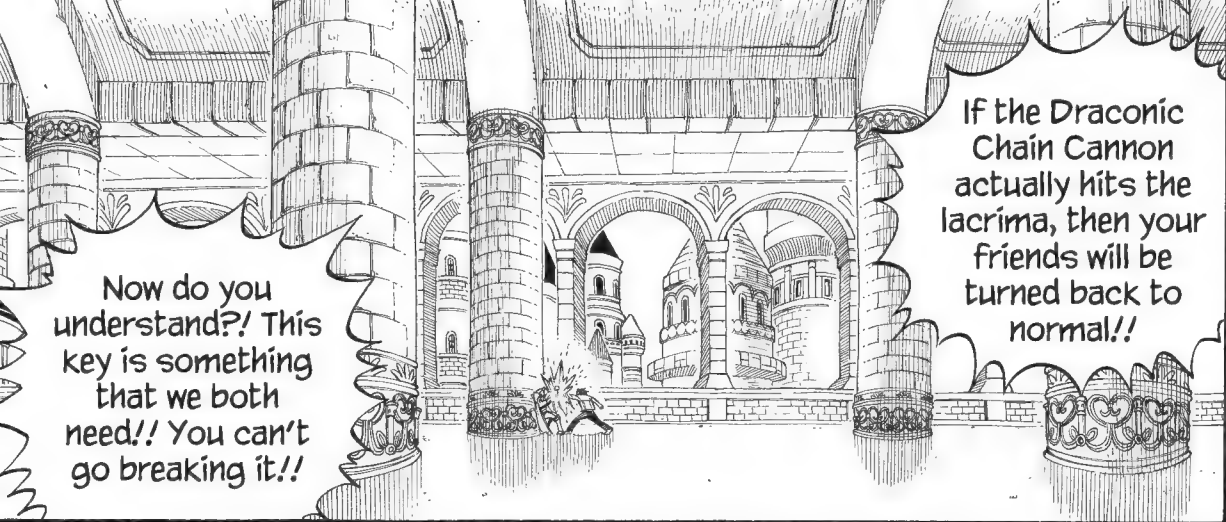
**I guess
dragon slayer
magic in this
world can bring
people back
from being a
lacrima.**



**The Draconic Chain
Cannon shoots
concentrated
dragon slayer
magic.**

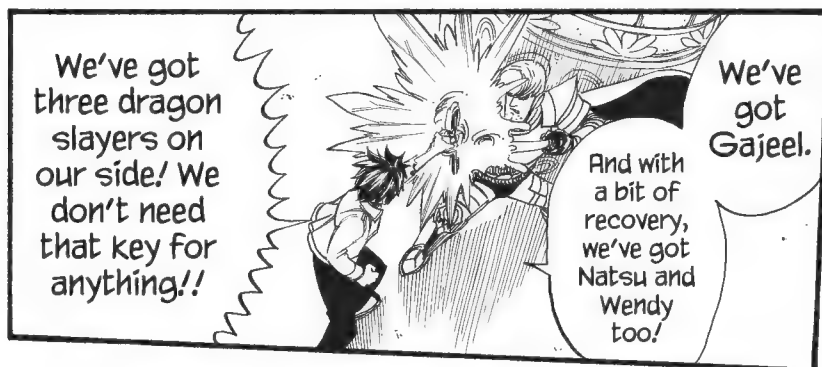


**Don't you
know what
dragon slayer
magic can do
in this world?!**



Now do you understand?! This key is something that we both need!! You can't go breaking it!!

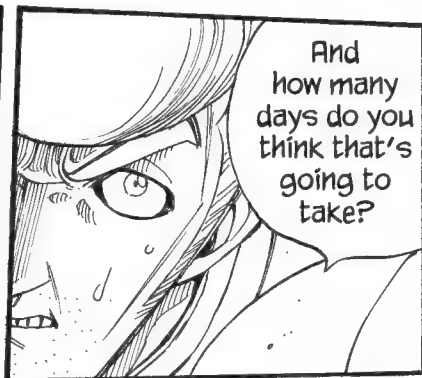
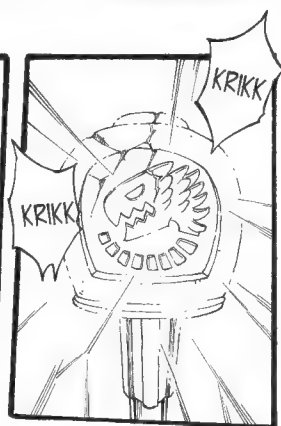
If the Draconic Chain Cannon actually hits the lacrima, then your friends will be turned back to normal!!



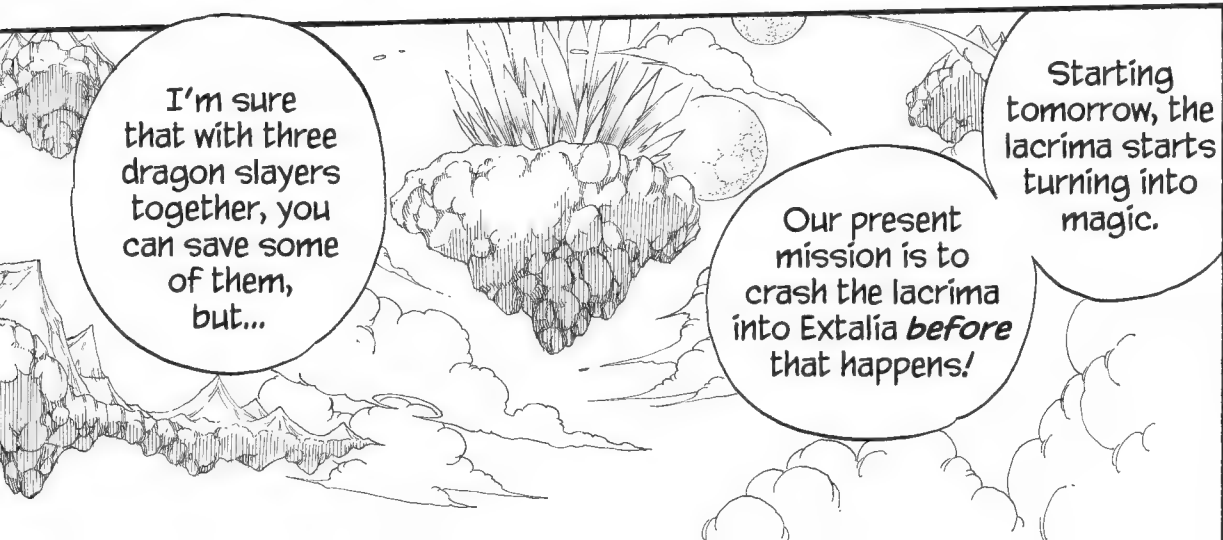
We've got three dragon slayers on our side! We don't need that key for anything!!

We've got Gajeel.

And with a bit of recovery, we've got Natsu and Wendy too!



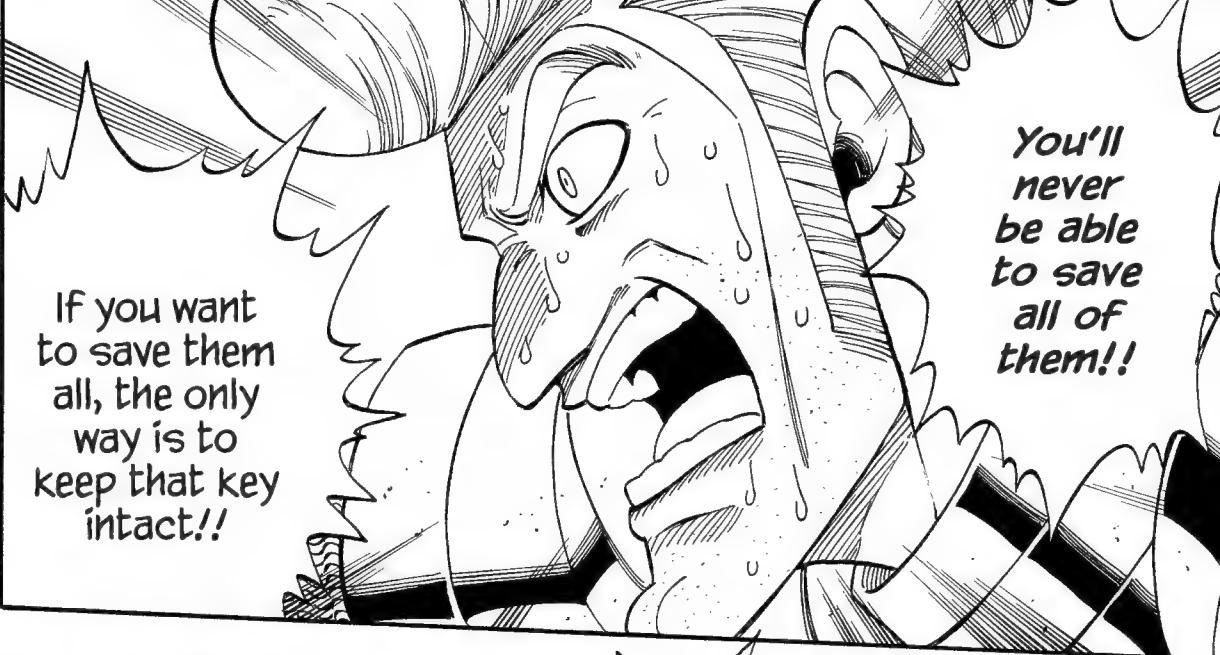
And how many days do you think that's going to take?



I'm sure that with three dragon slayers together, you can save some of them, but...

Our present mission is to crash the lacrima into Extalia *before* that happens!

Starting tomorrow, the lacrima starts turning into magic.



If you want
to save them
all, the only
way is to
keep that key
intact!!

*You'll
never
be able
to save
all of
them!!*



Now
just let
go.



**I am
never
giving
you the
key!!!**



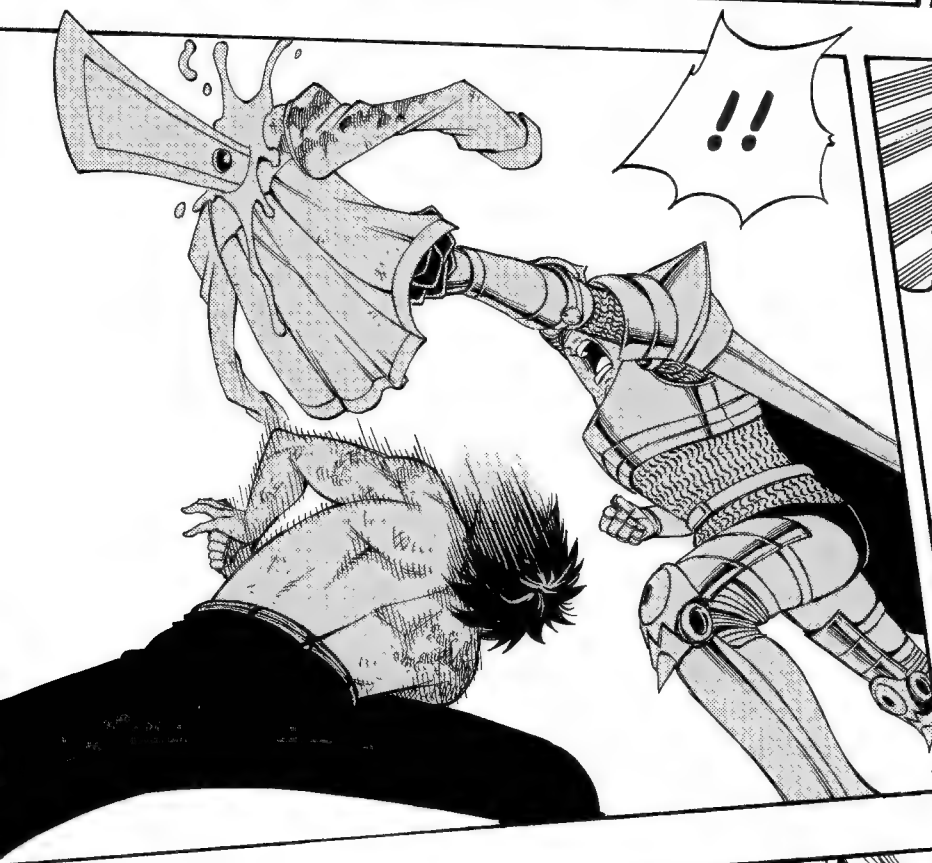
Mmm ...?!

It wasn't a lie, you know!!

What, are you an idiot?!

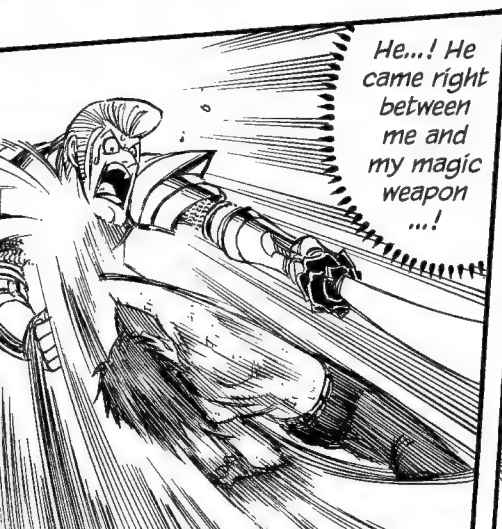


THE K E E E E E Y !!



You will *never* get your friends back to normal now!!

ZWISS

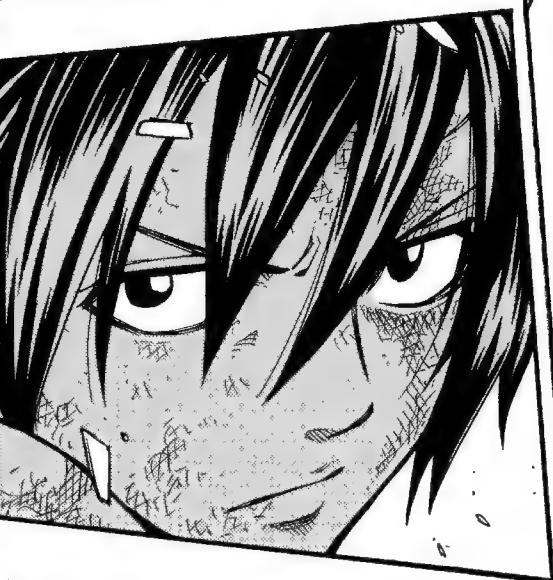


He...! He came right between me and my magic weapon ...!



My entire guild!!

I'm taking all of them back home with me!!

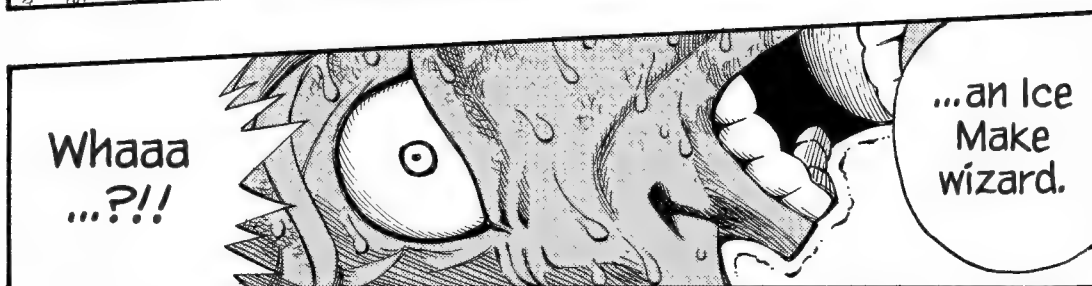
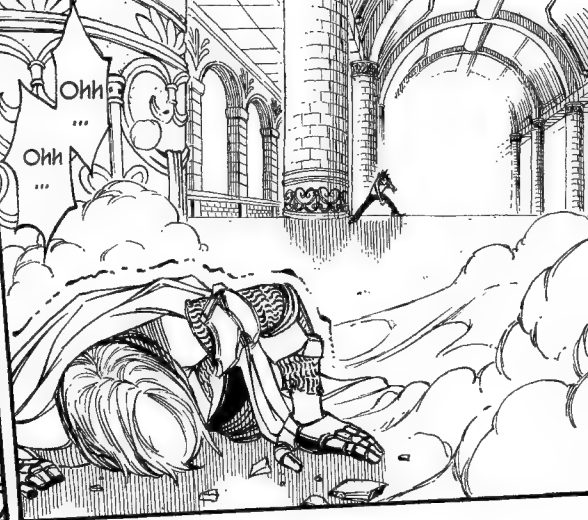
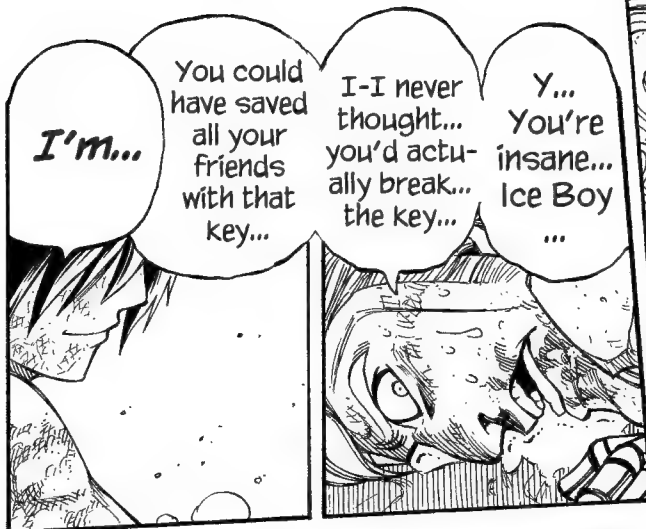


ZUBAM ZUBAM

**ICE
BLADE:
SEVEN
SLICE
DANCE
!!**

**HIIDDGN
!!!**

BAM BAM BAM BAM BAM



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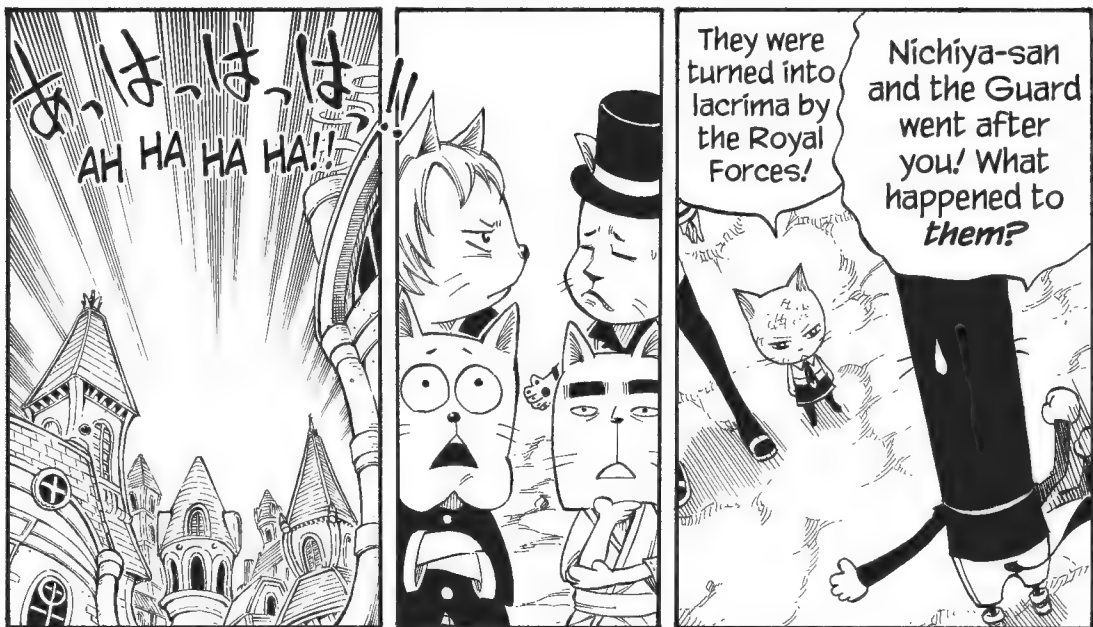
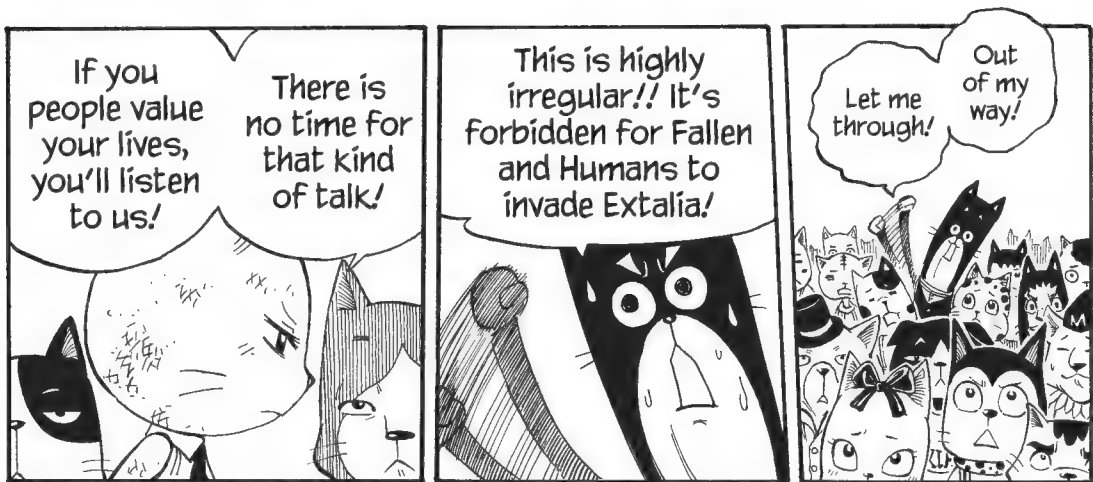
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 186, My Cat



Extalía









If you hate humans that much, do what you want with me!!

But don't do this to Carla!! She's one of you, right?!

Yeah, get out!

BOOO BOOO BOOO

Get out of here!

Yeah,
get
out!

Get
out of
here!







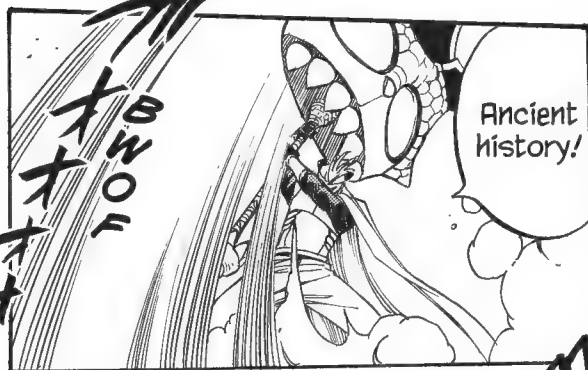
Too bad for
you, my Iron
Dragon Scales
are more than
just iron.



So
why're
you
with the
royals?



But I gotta
ask, you're
one of those
cats, right?



Ancient
history!



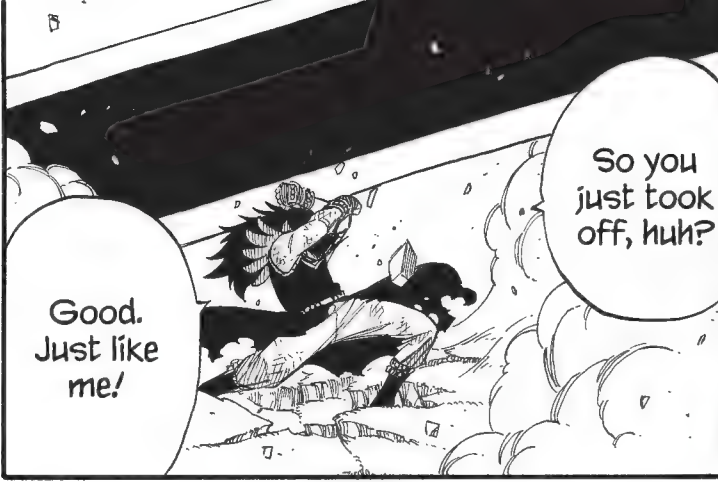
Say,
you
want a
fish?

You're
Exceed!
Just like
me!

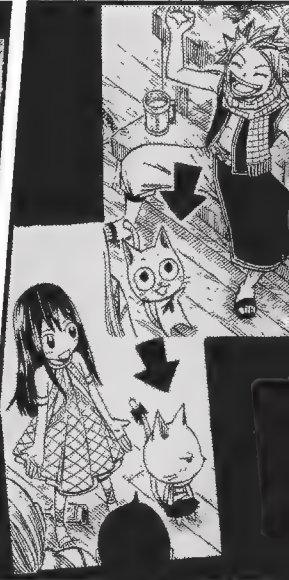
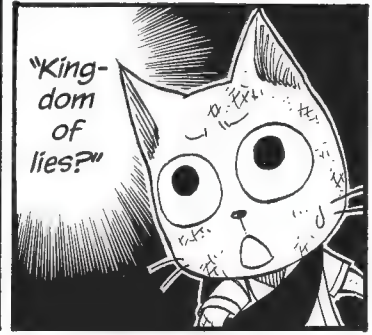


And the
kingdom
of lies!!

I've
abandoned
my past
life!!



So you just took off, huh?



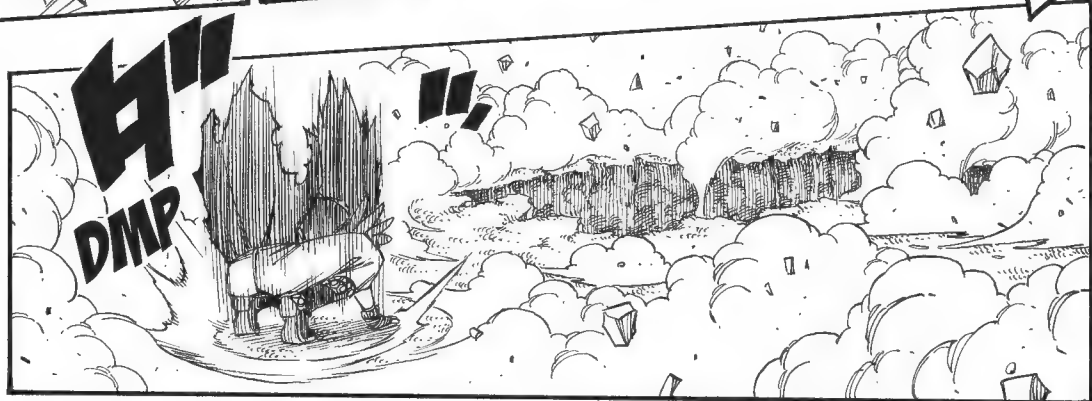
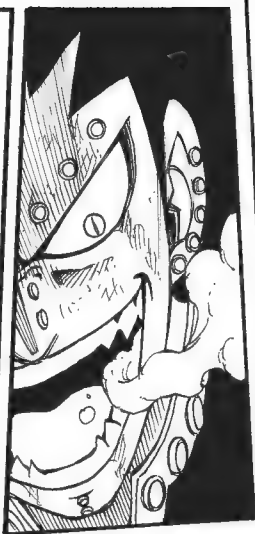


**TETSU-
RYŪ
NO
HÔKÔ*
!!**

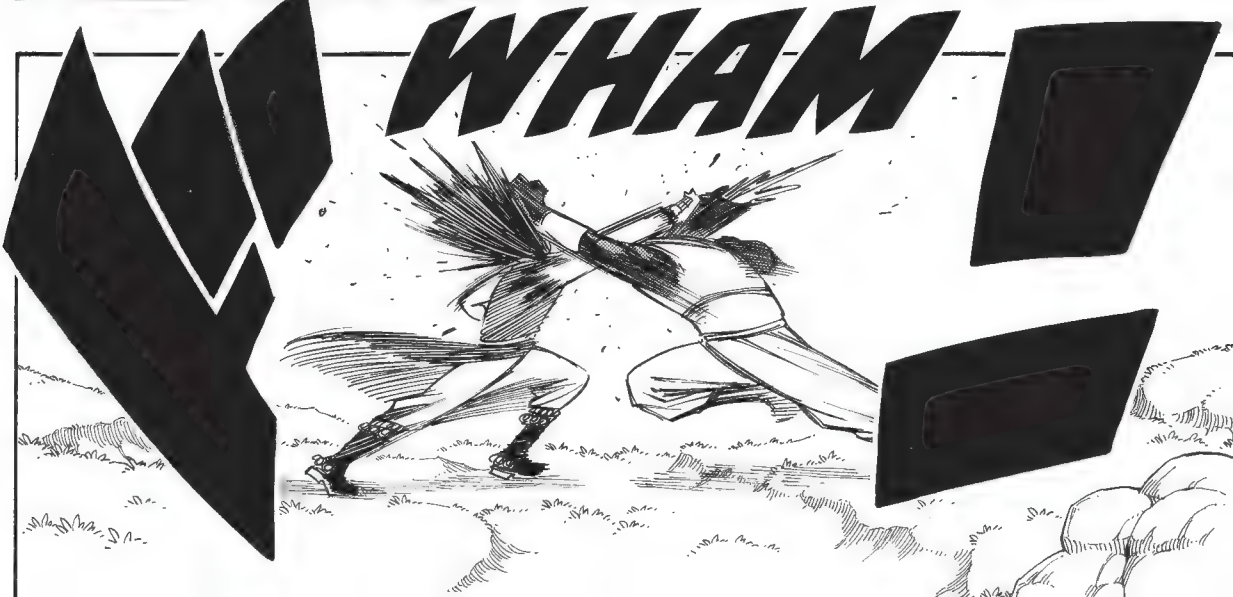
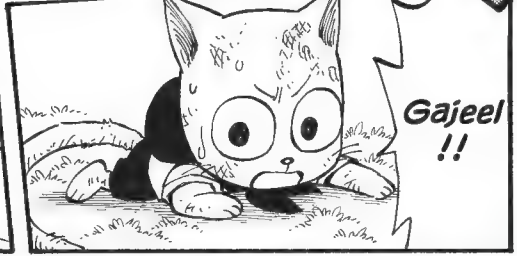
**G
W
A
A
A
H
H
!!**

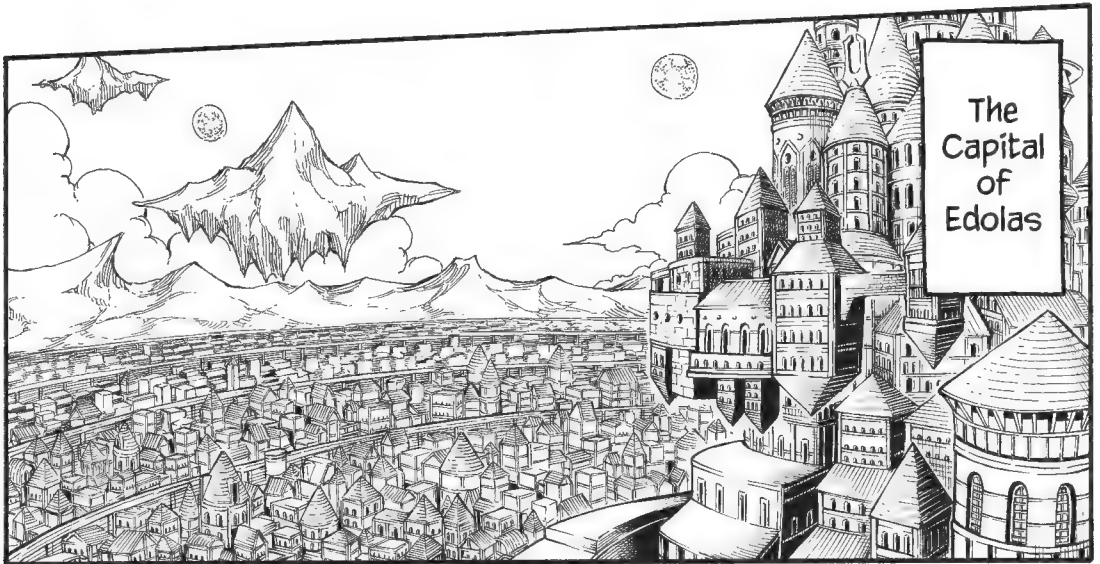


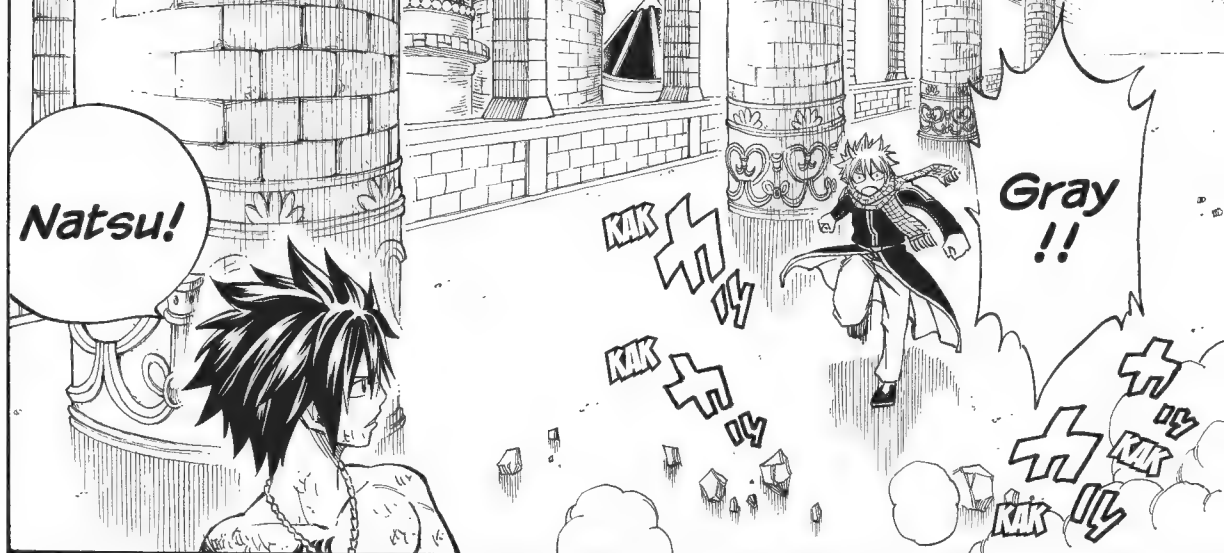
Gajeel's
face is
scary!!

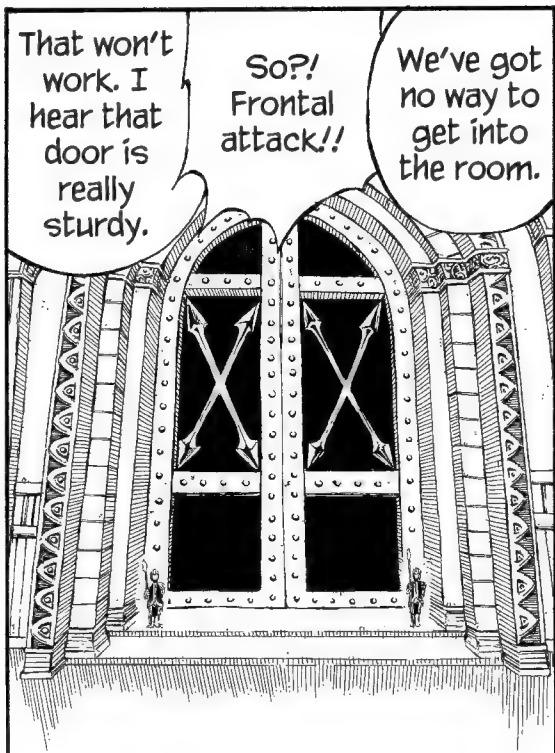
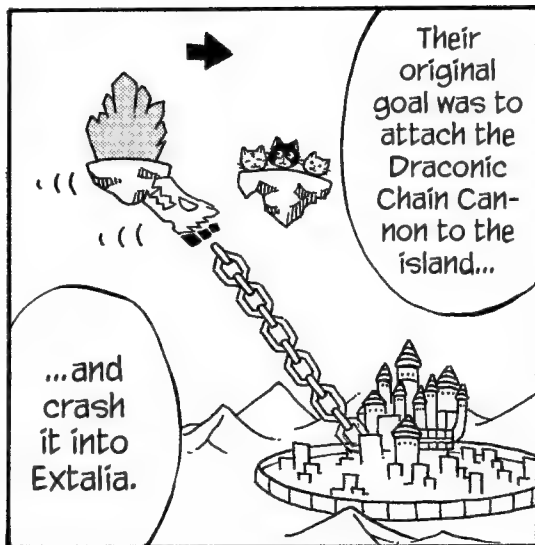


You're
good!!











So this is where you were...

PANT
PANT

PANT
PANT

This is Edolas Erza ...

No, wait a second...
Erza !!

PANT
PANT



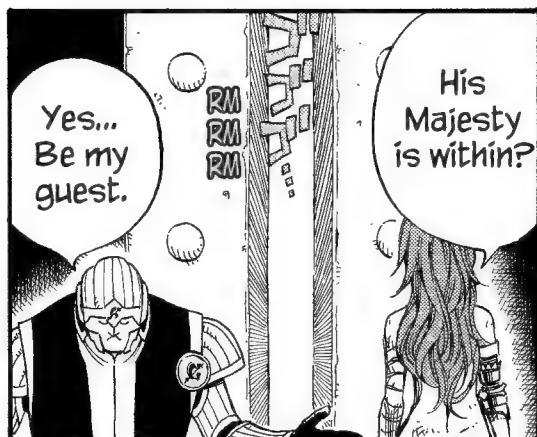
A-And
who are
they?!



S-She isn't all
right at all, is
she?! You're
wounded!

I'm so glad
you're all right,
Commander
Nightwalker!

It's nothing
serious.



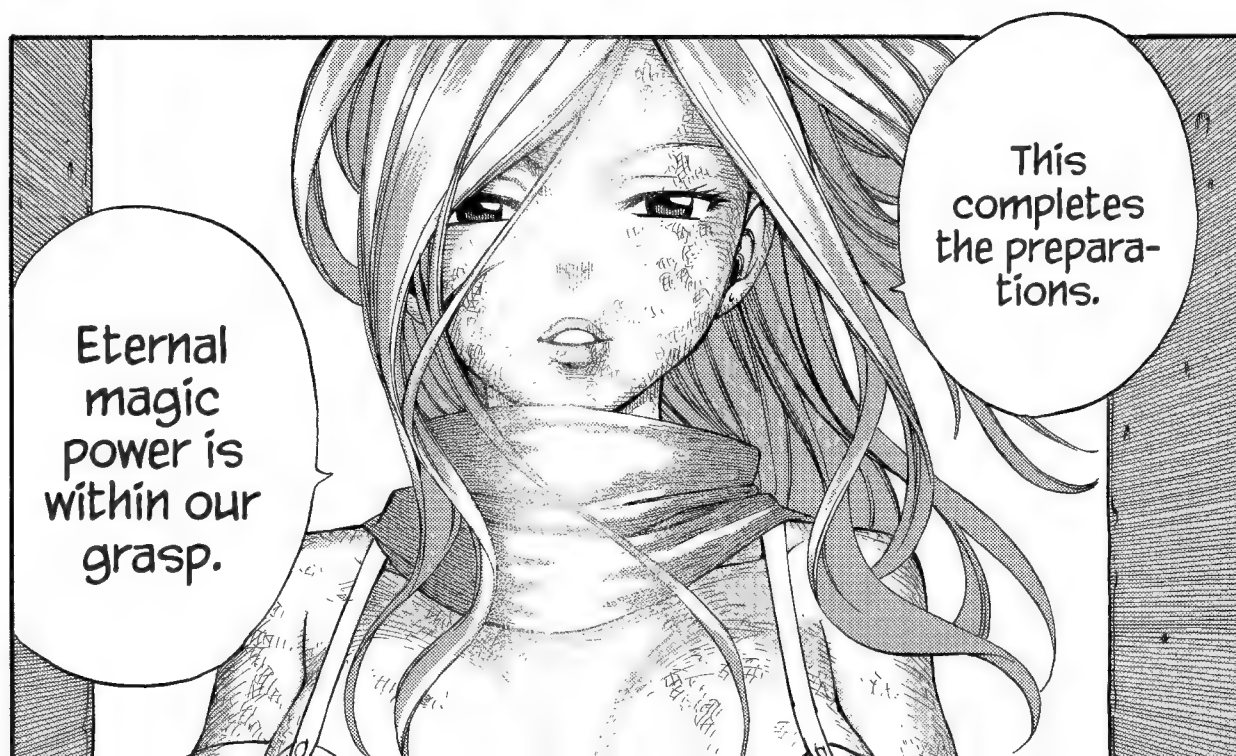
Yes...
Be my
guest.

His
Majesty
is within?



They
are the key
to the Dra-
conic Chain
Cannon.

K-Key
...?!



Eternal
magic
power is
within our
grasp.

This
completes
the prepara-
tions.

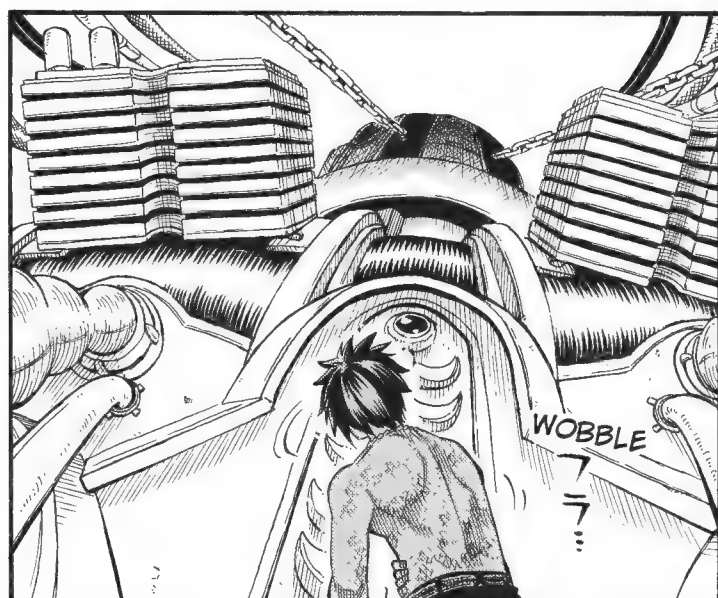
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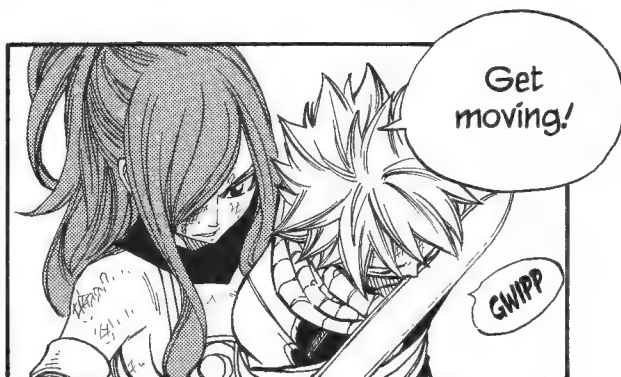
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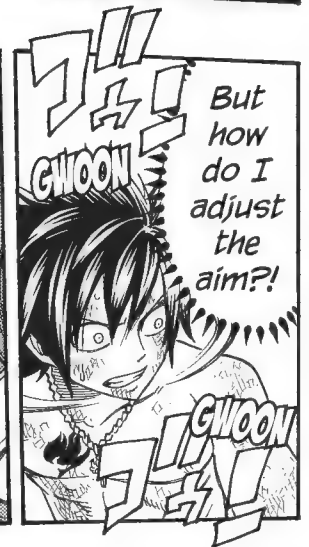
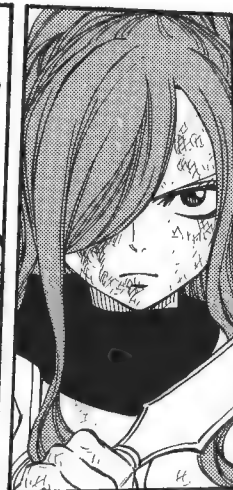
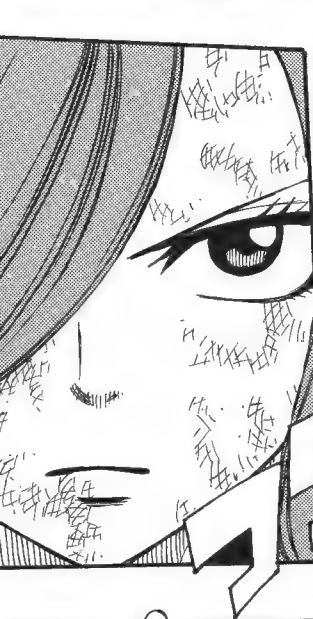
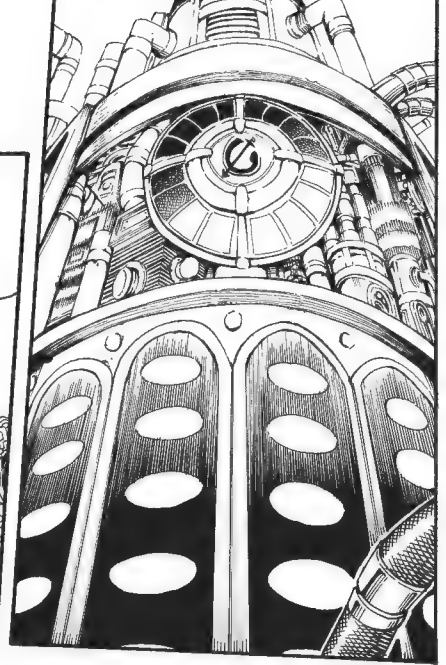


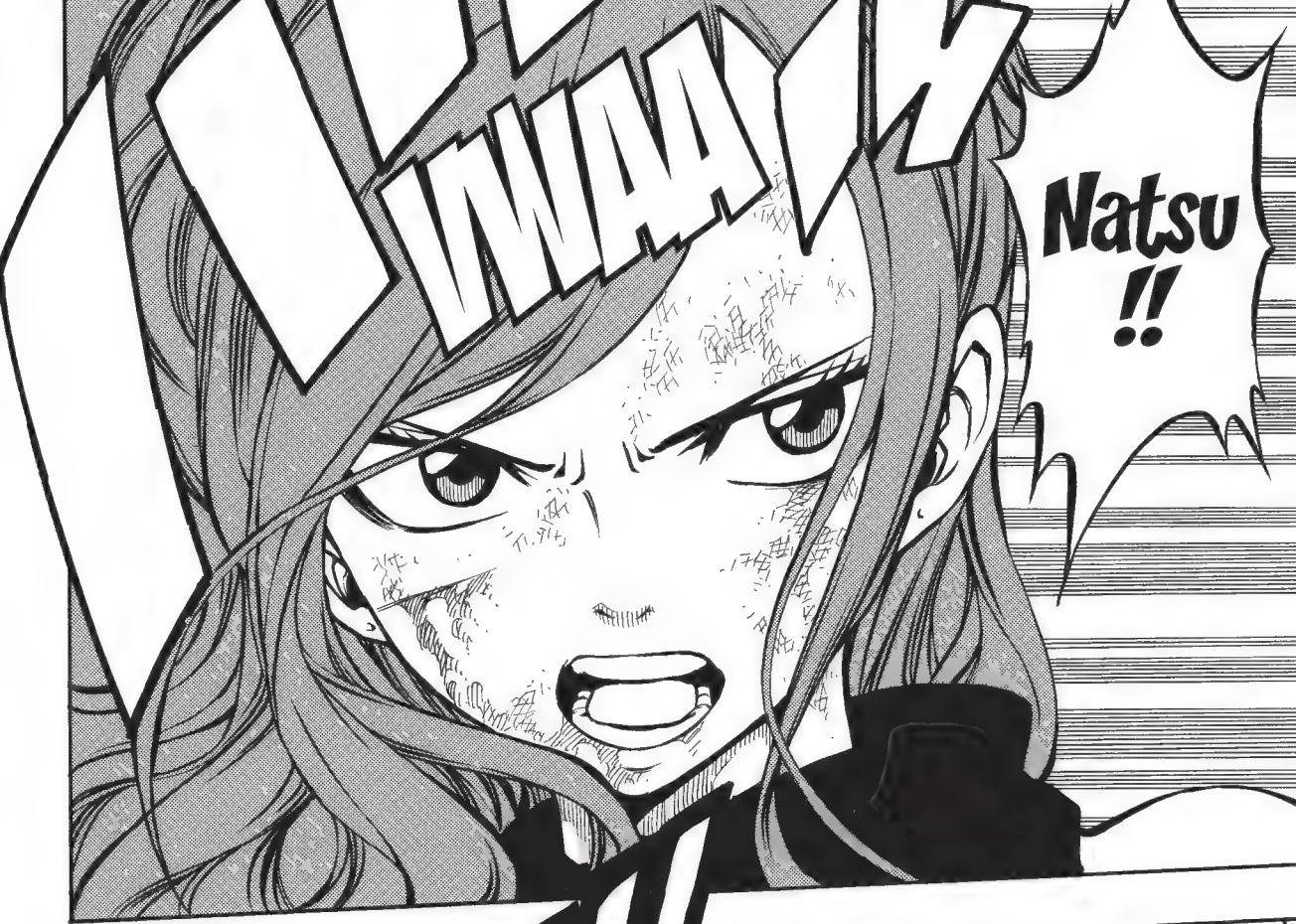
Chapter 187, Chain Cannon of the Doomsday Dragon

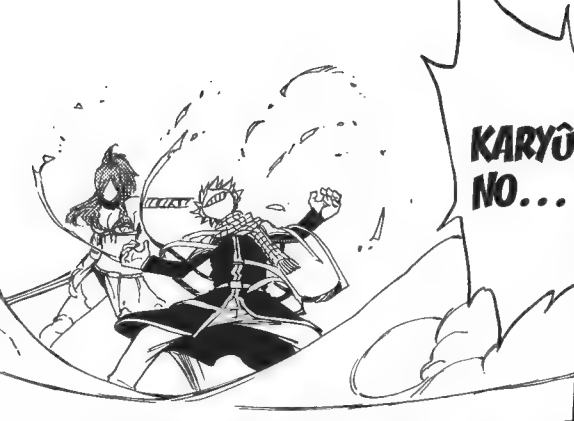












KARYŪ
NO...



Wh-
What
?!



?!



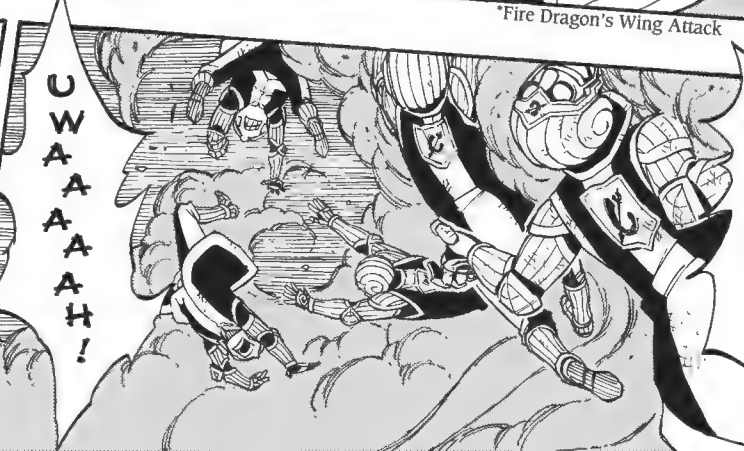
DOGW

oooooooo

YOKU-
GEKI*
!!!!



What is
this...?!



UWA
AA
AA
AA
H!

GWA
AA
AA
AA
H!

*Fire Dragon's Wing Attack



Erza...you
traitor!!

Stop
the firing
sequence!!

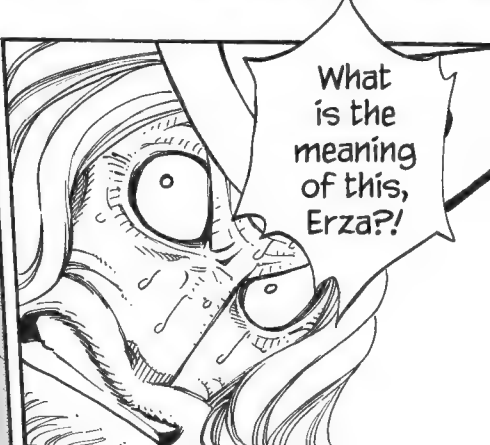


どもっ
MURMUR

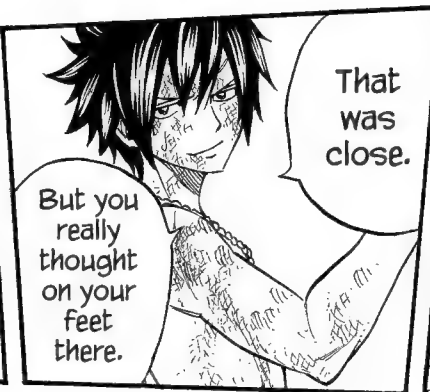
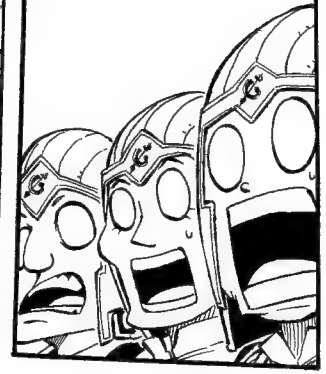


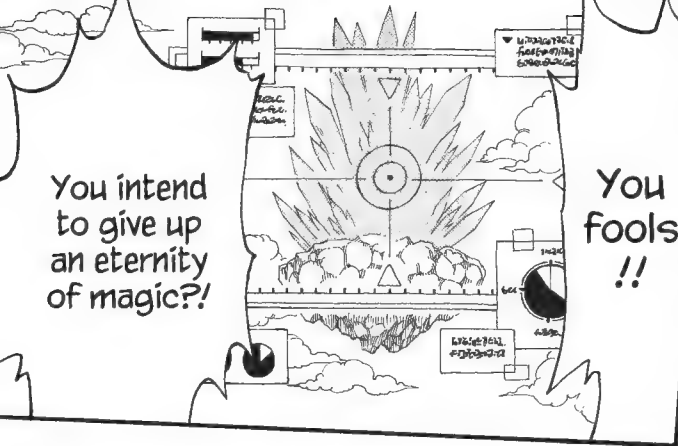
KEEEEEEN

!!

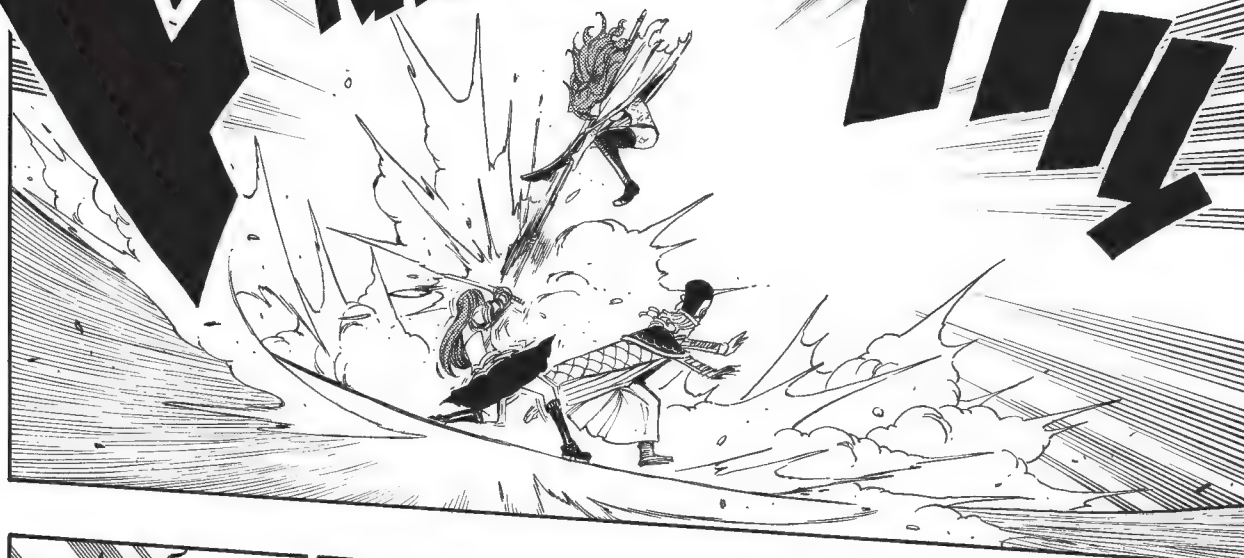


What
is the
meaning
of this,
Erza?!





KABOOM

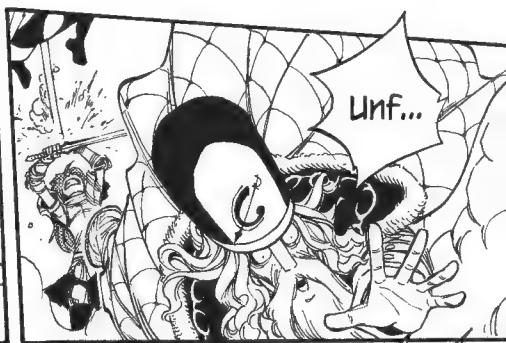


This is bad!!



Now!!
Reset to the original
target!!

His
Majesty
has been
freed!!



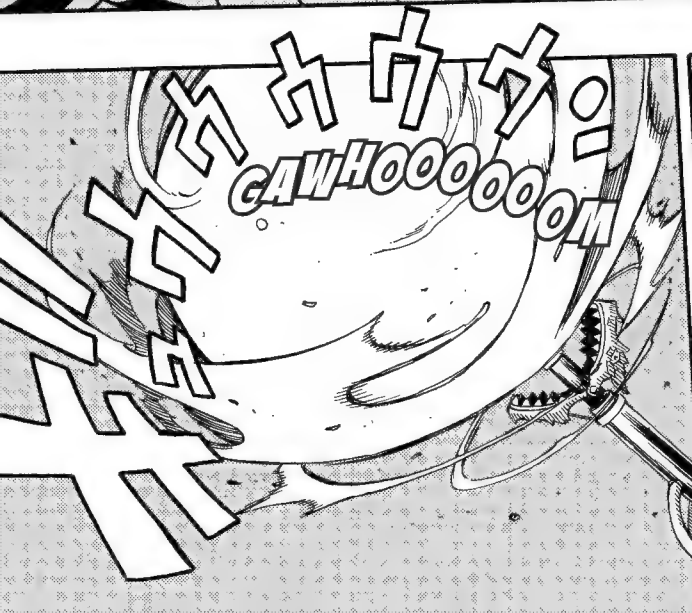
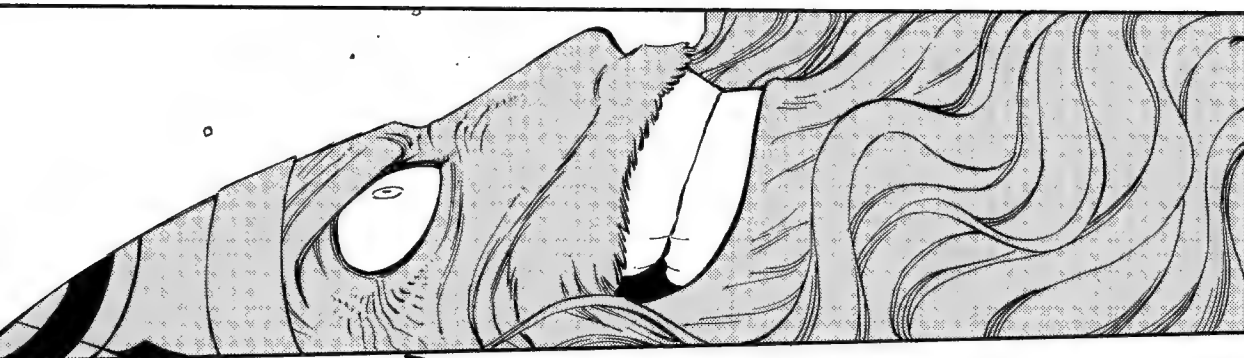
Unf...



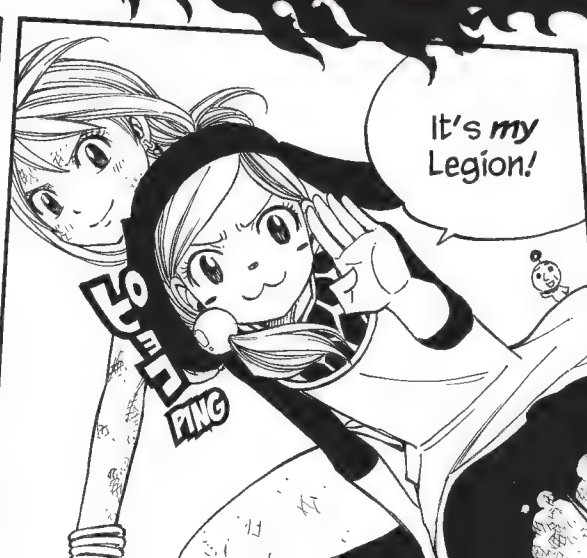
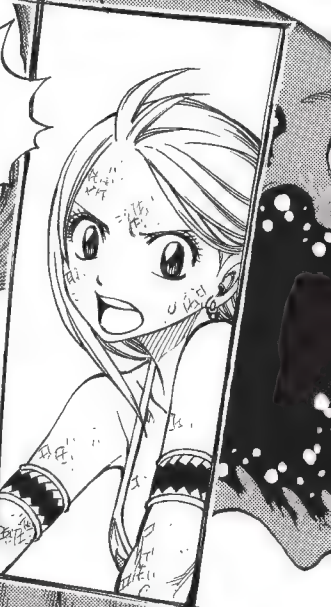
Night-
walker!
At a
time like
this?!!



Our
fight isn't
over yet,
Scarlet!!







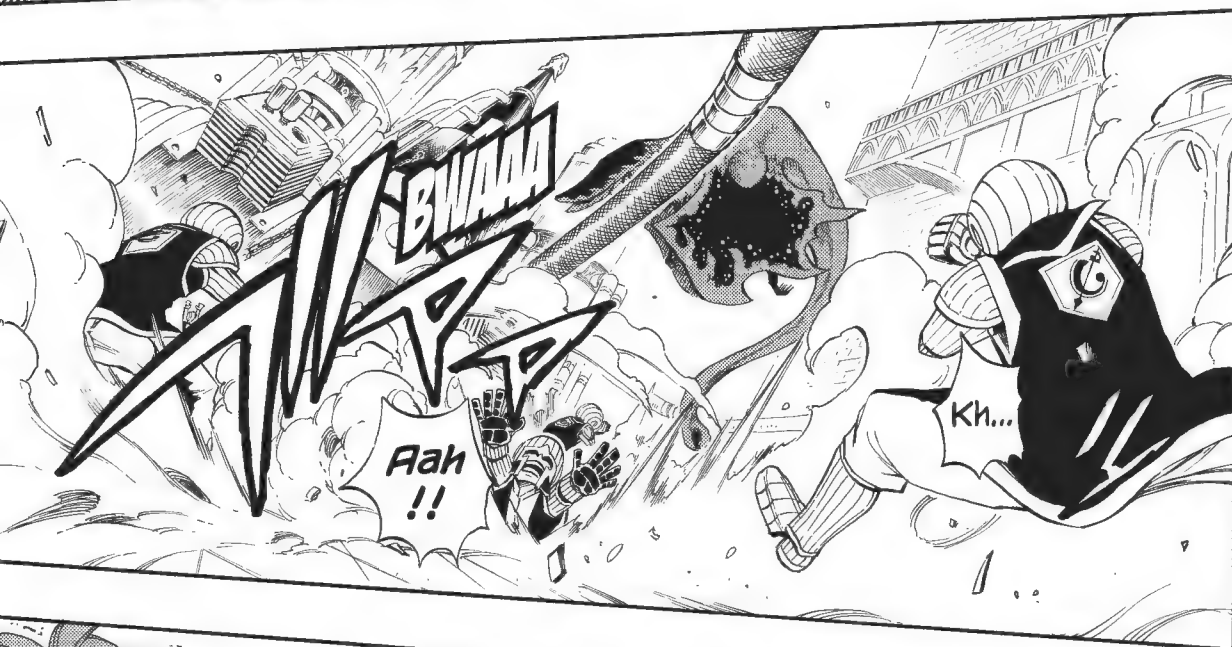


But we
have to
go now!



Can we
use this
thing to
stop it?!

I don't
know!!



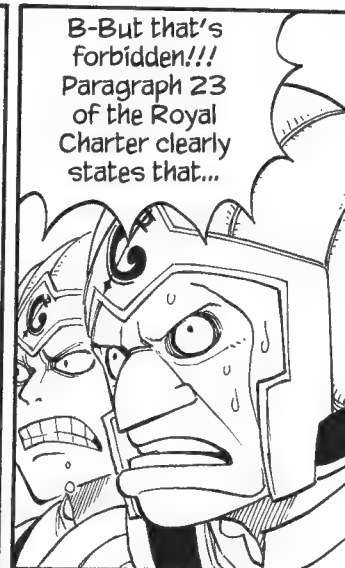
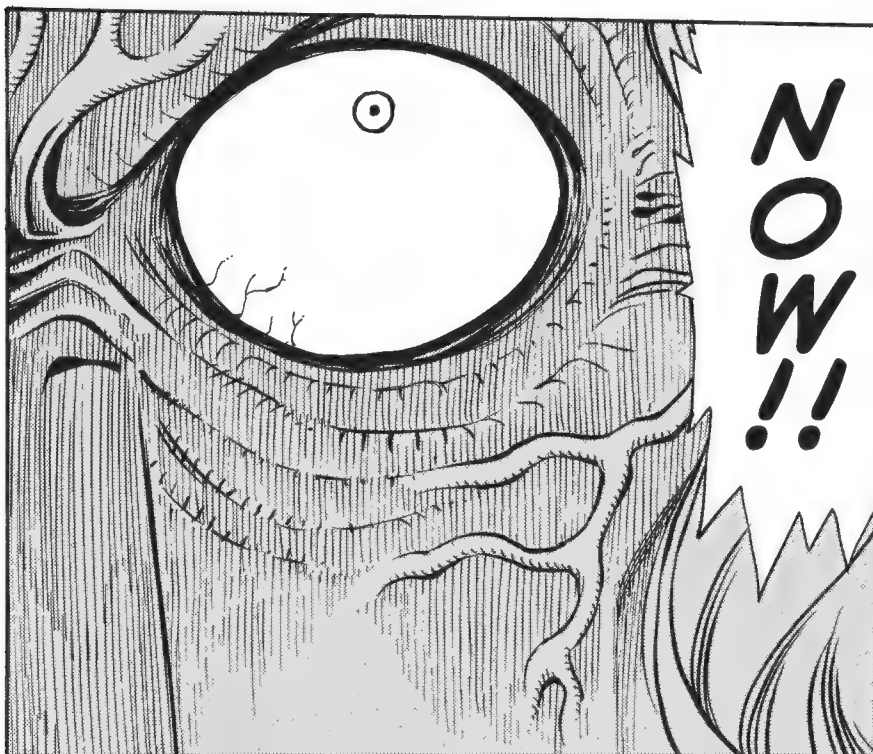
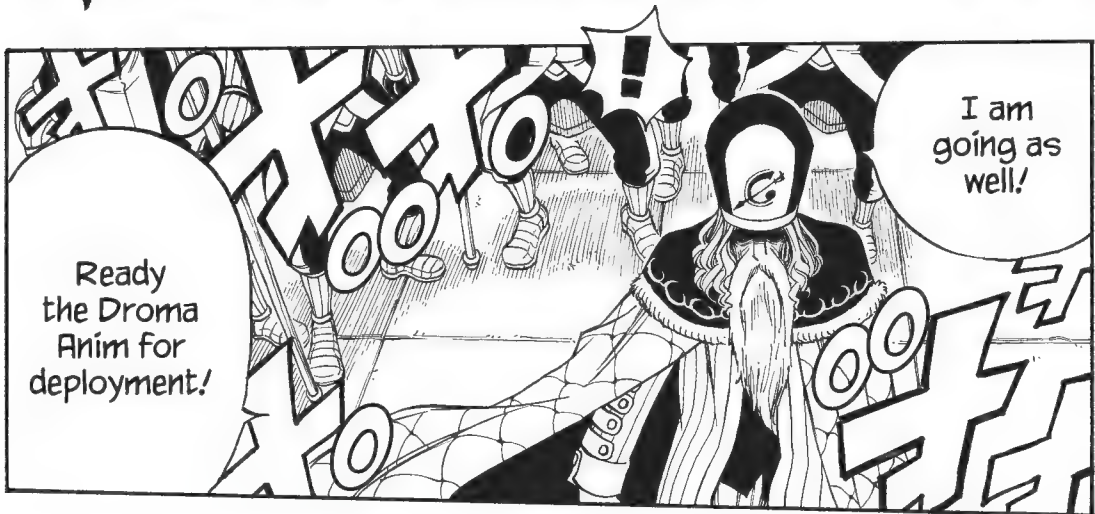
Aah
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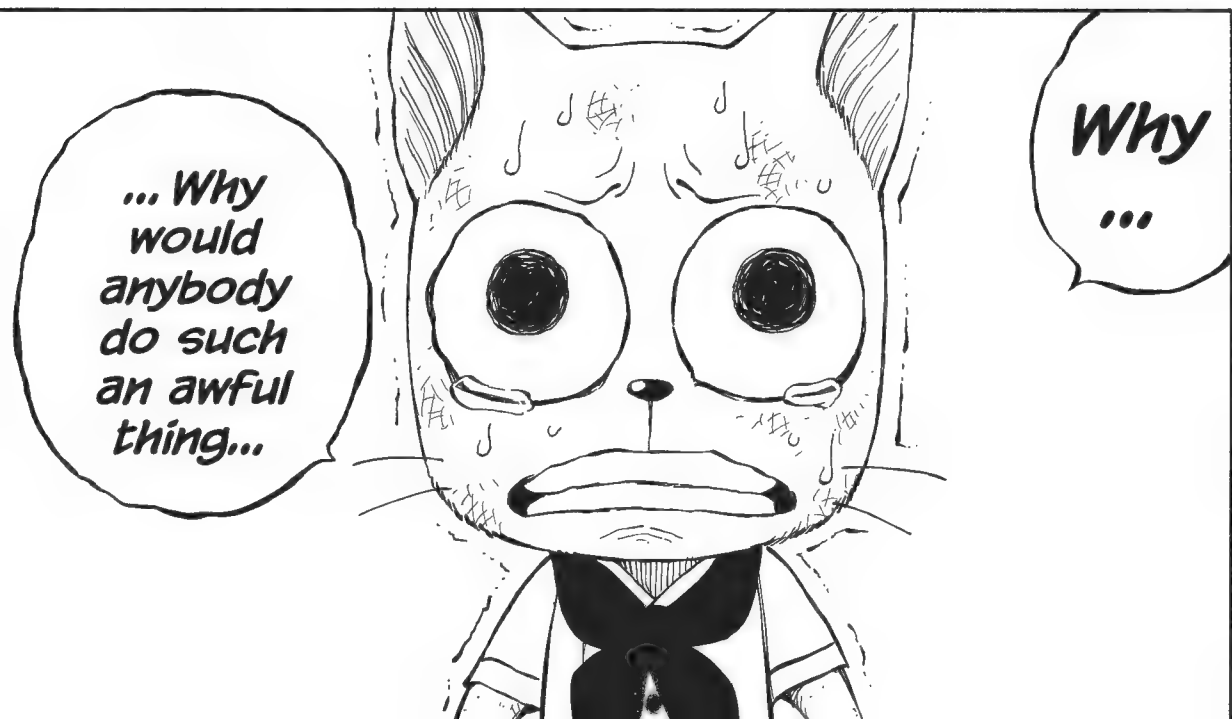
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At the Fairy Tail Counter...

: Sigh... What was with all that tedious chatter last time?

: Now, let's get started on our own tedious chatter this time!

Lucy: No! Tediousness is *bad*!!

Mira: And the first question!

They said that the only member of Eisenwald that wasn't arrested was Erigor. What happened to him?



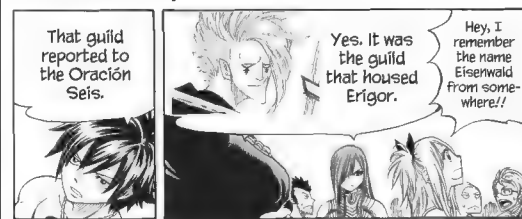
Lucy: Oh, that. Actually there's a pretty sad story that goes along with that.

Mira: It's true that Erigor was never captured, and he was scheduled to appear in the Nirvana Arc.

: Well, it just didn't work out, so his part had to be cut. It made the author cry.

: He went and did all that work foreshadowing, but...

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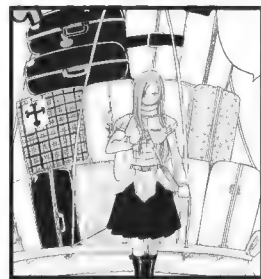


Lucy: ...is how it turned out, but when the anime director was told about it, his **eyes just lit up**, so it's possible that when the episode comes to TV...

: Just possible...huh? ♥

Lucy: Now, on to the next question.

When Erza goes on a job, she always takes along a huge load of luggage. What's in it?



Mira: I want to say it's a huge load of her armor, but Erza keeps her stock of extra armor **in another dimension** so that can't be it.

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Lucy: So...her underwear, maybe?

Mira: Since it's Erza, it'd have to be the dead bodies of the monsters she's vanquished...

: **Don't be scary!!**

: Heh! Shouldn't I be answering this question directly?

Lucy: Ah! Erza, it's been a while since you made an appearance in this corner!

Mira: All right, then what's in your luggage?

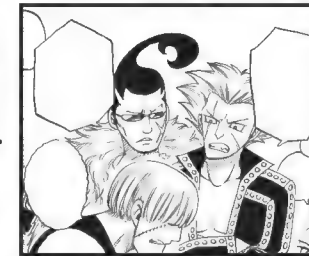
: **FOOD.**

Lucy: ...
Mira: ...

Erza: Now, shall we proceed to the next question?

Lucy: Whoa! She just took over!

Strong Elfman had a weak Edolas counterpart. So by that logic, Strong Edolas Jet and Droy mean that the regular world guys are weak?



Erza: **Really weak.**

Lucy: Th-That's harsh...

Mira: Anybody would be, compared to you, Erza...right?

: (You say that, Mira-san, but a long time ago, you were on par with Erza, right...?)

Erza: Now we read the final question.

Is this character actually necessary to the story?



: **Obviously!**

Mira: And wait, what is that anyway?

Erza: It is one of Mashima-sensei's doodles.

Lucy: It's one of those rarely seen characters that appears once in a great while in the manga.

Mira: Is it edible?

Lucy: What?! No way it'd be edible!

Erza: That is unfortunate.

Mira: It sure is! It looks especially delicious if it were spiced and deep fried.

: **No, it doesn't!!**

Erza: Putting that argument aside, that particular character makes an appearance in one frame of Volume 22. And it did not appear in the magazine version of the same scene. So it was added for the graphic novel volume especially.

Lucy: Added... But you said it was a doodle, right?

Mira: It must be rough on Mashima-sensei, being so busy and all.

Lucy: Don't go praising a guy for putting in a doodle!

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Tochigi Prefecture, Reiji Katsuki

▼ Half of each, the Earth-land and Edolas Natsus!



Saitama Prefecture, Yu-♡

▼ Ohh! Cute clothes! ♡ I like it!



Mie Prefecture, Junko Yonekawa

▼ The three Fairy Tail ladies. They've all got great expressions!



Tottori Prefecture, Sora

▼ Erza and Mirajane of long ago. Which one of them was stronger?



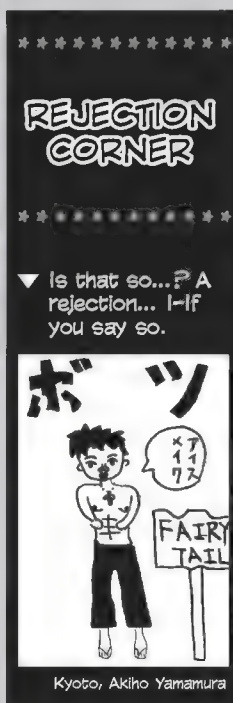
Hokkaido, Eri

▼ The anime version of the Tower of Heaven arc made me cry...



Tottori Prefecture, Cynthia

▼ The three dragon slayers! A lot of work was put into the letters too!



▼ Is that so...? A rejection... I-if you say so.

Kyoto, Akiho Yamamura



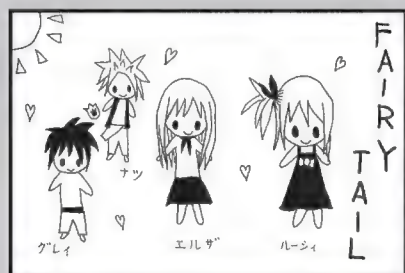
Aichi Prefecture, Rira

▼ Everyone coming together! Fight on! This one gave me energy.



Tochigi Prefecture, Kenta Saito

▼ Everyone done up like dolls! They're all so cute!



Chiba Prefecture: Happy's Egg



Gifu Prefecture, Yūri Hata

▼ Ohh! Very cool! And really well done!!



Gifu Prefecture, Aki-P

▼ Juvia looking very girlish. The one from Edolas is just scary!



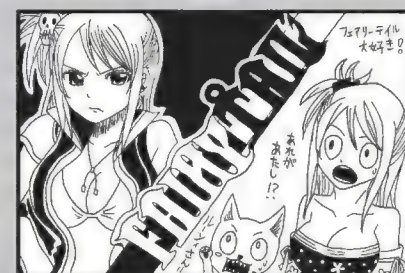
Chiba Prefecture, Yūya

▼ The extremely popular Wendy and Carla. So popular, it even surprised the artist.



Aichi Prefecture, FT Rocks!

▼ Gemini... They haven't appeared too much. It's because they're so strong.

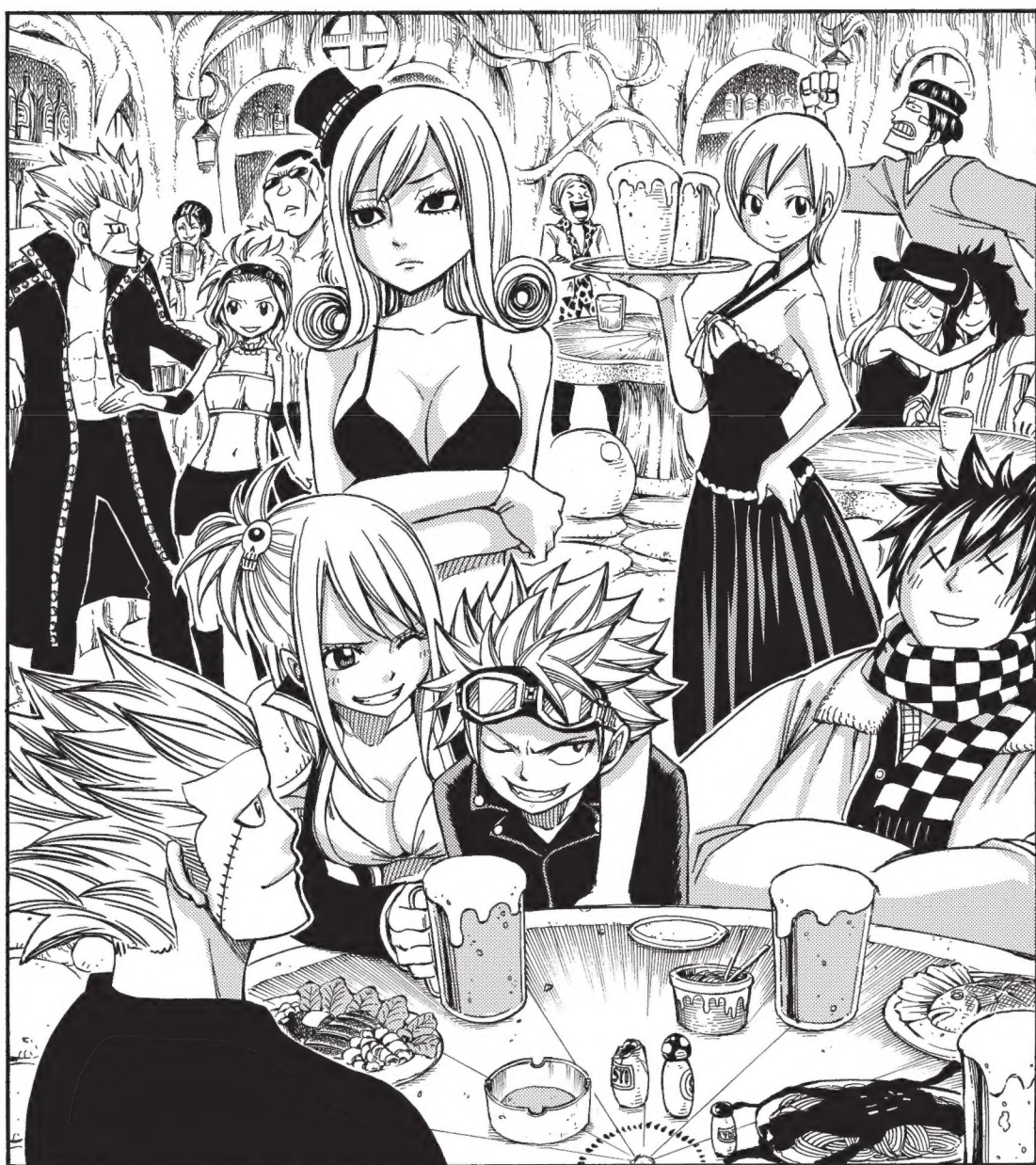


Saitama Prefecture, Kazue Fujisawa

▼ So-called "Doublucy." Which one do you like best?

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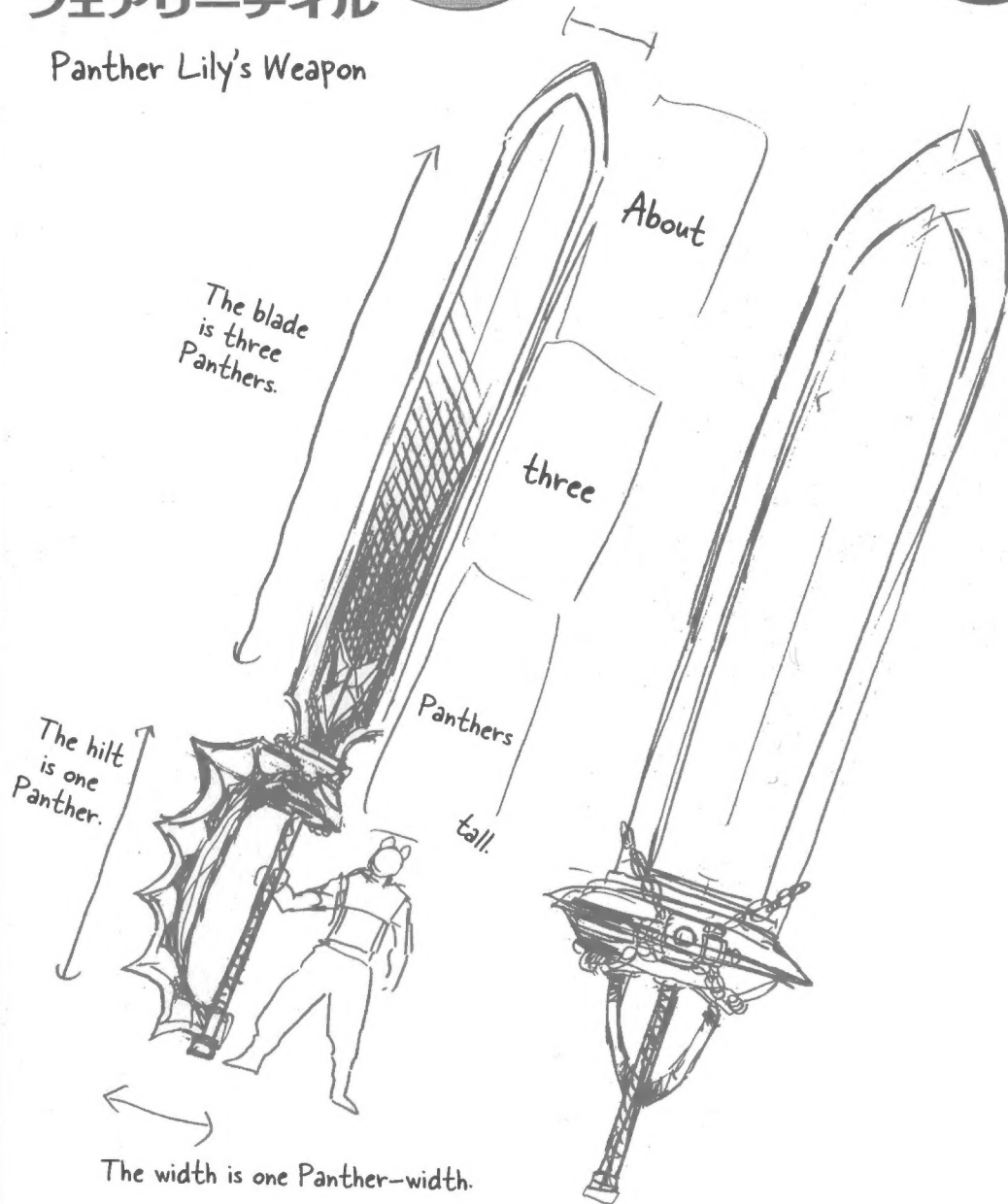
(Left-handed)

I'm presently writing this afterword on June 29, 2010, one day before my scheduled trip to France. To put the time in perspective, tonight is the World Cup game between Japan and Paraguay, and after I watch that, I'm going to pack for my trip. Then, at 6 A.M. tomorrow, I take off. If you want to know why I'm going to France, there's an event held every year called the Japan Expo, and this year, I'm an invited guest! They're having a signing there! After going to Taiwan and America, this time it's on to France. Fairy Tail has gone worldwide! Actually I'm very grateful to France for awarding Fairy Tail two manga awards. It seems to be a country with quite a lot of fans. What with one thing and another, on the day before I was going off to France, I thought of having a signing here in Japan. Or to be more accurate, I really felt a desire to meet my Japanese fans. All the Japanese readers are always doing their best to cheer me on, and I want to express my thanks. That's true of all the other countries too. There are a lot of people in many countries around the world who I want to meet, and that includes everyone in Japan too. So, next time in this space, my France Trip Diary...maybe?

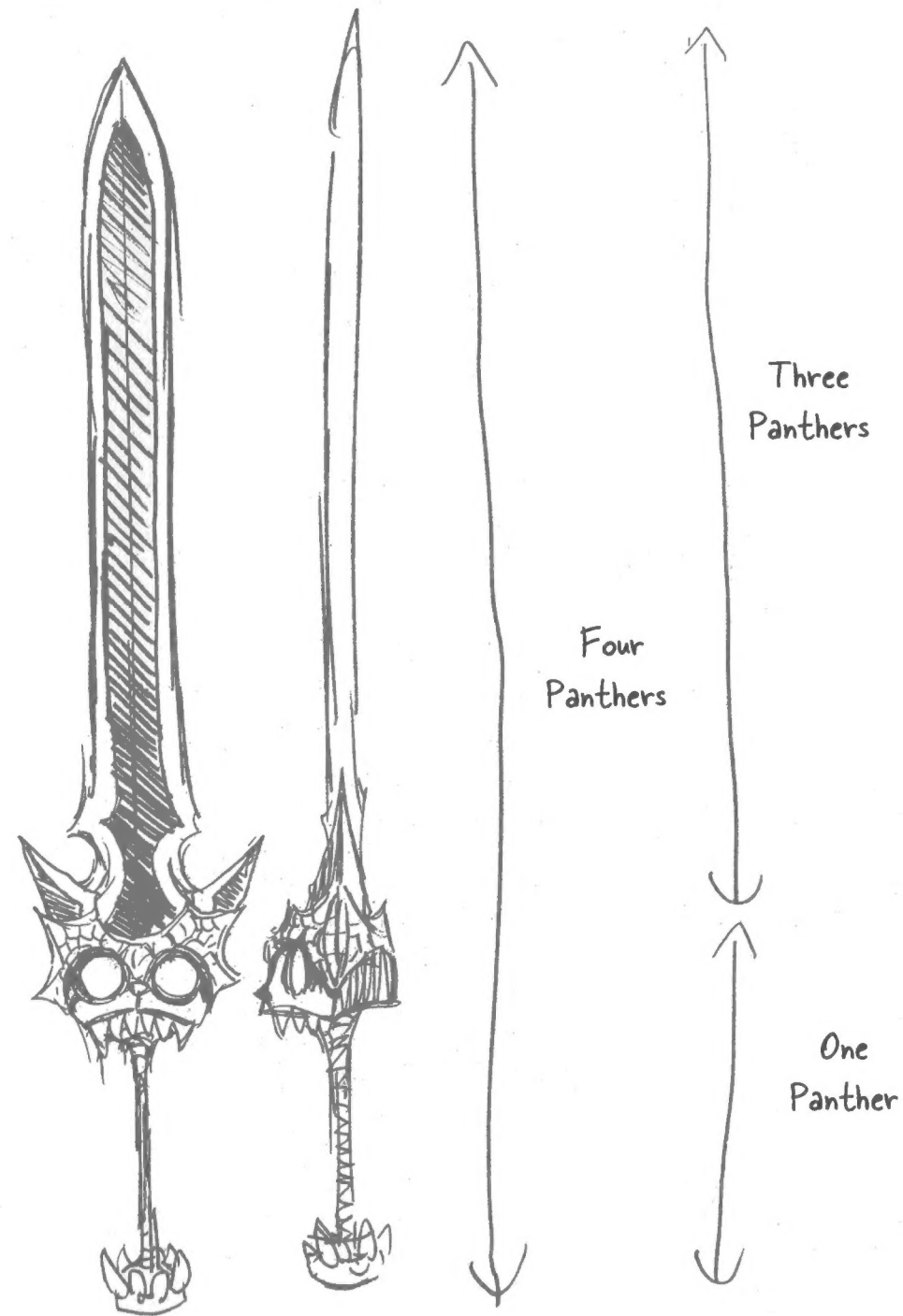
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Panther Lily's Weapon



HIRO MASHIMA



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